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Anti-Drug Task Force takes steps forward

by Shirley D. Schmoock
Special Writer

In a spirited exchange of "what to do and how to do it," a group of community, township, and law enforcement representatives met with Crawford AuSable school officials this week (Feb. 16) to plan ahead. The goal was singular — provide a drug-free environment to Grayling's young people.

Unfortunately, the problem with drug use in the local schools, especially by middle and high school age children, has been documented by a recent survey and has yielded some discouraging statistics. The Task Force was formed recently to combat the problem. A plan of action is emerging.

Two Grayling Middle School students, Jenna Bugyi and Tasheenia Joseph, have been making the rounds of township offices, the City Hall, and elsewhere, asking the community for support and help. They said they were disappointed about the turnout for this week's meeting, but their enthusiasm remained strong. They were doing something positive for their schools.

The two have created a survey of their own, calling on middle school and high school students to identify their needs, and in particular — should the mentor program become launched in the near future — from whom would they like learn special skills, and/or whom would they like to know.

Money has been granted to the Crawford AuSable School District by the Office of Drug Control Policy for the purpose of funding youth-oriented activities. These funds are now available for groups or organizations willing to target at-risk behavior and promote challenging experiences for young people.

Community organizations, clubs, or any recognizable, established entity may apply for the funding. The Task Force asks for creativity in the grant process, but will expect those seeking funds to plan safe, well-supervised activities. There is to be no cost to participants for such activities, and it is to be, if at all possible, an educational learning process.

What age group the grant is expected to serve is immaterial, but the survey of drug and alcohol use in schools indicates that middle and high school aged youngsters are those most commonly using illegal substances in lieu of good, clean fun.

The Anti-Drug Task Force will have applications available to the public by Feb. 24. An application may be picked up at the School Administrative Offices on Michigan Ave., or mailed to requesting organizations..

Applications will be due back in that office no later than 3:30 on Friday, Mar. 13. Grants will be awarded the week of Mar. 16 - 20.

All grant applicants are asked to formulate their ideas as quickly as possible. In as much as the school district has been granted the funds, it has the obligation to monitor final use of funds and to account for them to the Office of Drug Control Policy.

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Local man gives hope to Russian youths

by Cheryll A. Ruley
Staff Writer

Most people make winter getaways to warm places like the Florida Keys or the Bahamas. But, not Dave Wyman. He packed his bags and headed for wintery Moscow as part of Operation Carelift '98.

Wyman spent two weeks, from Jan. 24 - Feb. 7, along with 487 other North American Christians, visiting Russian children in schools, orphanages and hospitals in this Josh McDowell Ministry project.

The ministry is part of Campus Crusade for Christ and has been organizing Christian families into action on behalf of the Russian people for the last seven years.

Organized in "bus teams" of 25-30 people each, the volunteers set out across Russia delivering clothing, toys, 57 tons of food and 8.4 tons of vitamins and medicine, all donated by the American people.

Volunteers also distributed 64,849 Carepacks, filled with pencils and other school supplies, toiletries and a 90-day supply of vitamins to Russian school children and orphans. Each Carepack also contained a children's Bible storybook, a gospel bracelet, a copy of the Gospel of John and a copy of "More Than a Carpenter", by Josh McDowell. Volunteers put pieces of paper containing their home addresses in each Carepack so the children could write to them if the wished to do so.

Wyman said that he was surprised at the amount of respect he and his team received from the Russian kids when visiting a school of 500 students, in grades 1 - 12.

"The kids were very receptive and accepting to the word of God," said Wyman.

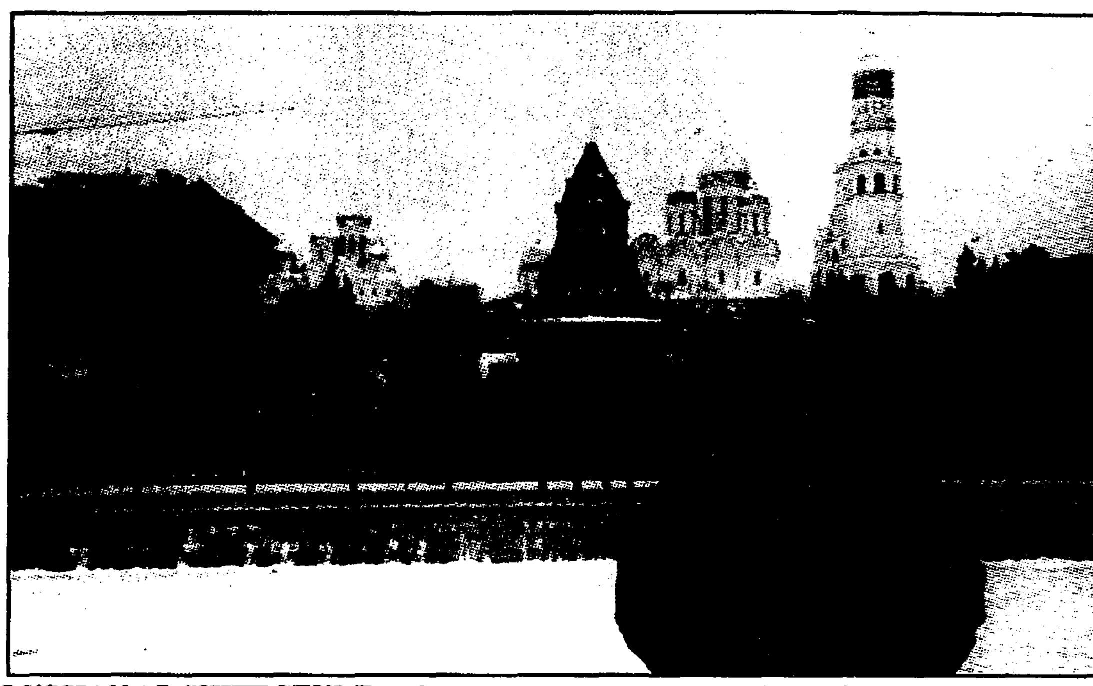
Operation Carelift also handed out hundreds of bibles written in the Russian language, which Wyman said made the recipients very happy because, as Wyman said, "they are starved for books to read and, especially for bibles in their own language."

Wyman packed some extra goodies to hand out during his travels. Armed with chewing gum, rolls of Lifesaver candies, Matchbox cars and Beanie Babies, he treated the little ones to what most American children take for granted.

Conditions in Russia are quite bleak, according to Wyman. His team visited a hospital that he said resembled an old warehouse. "The hospital was what the Russians considered 'state-of-the-art'. The hospital was clean, but had very little of the modern technology that we here in the United States are used to seeing," he said.

Wyman said that the food tasted just the same because McDonald's uses worldwide standards for all of the restaurants. But, they still had

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RUSSIAN ARCHITECTURE — Dave Wyman stands just outside of the Kremlin wall. The golden spires of Russian Orthodox Churches gleam in the background.

The economy has been adversely affected by the fall of the communist regime and the birth of capitalism. Wyman said that the older people he met were very somber and seldom smiled. He said that it seems that the older generation is having a hard time adjusting to a non-socialist way of life. Food is scarce and what food is available to buy can be quite expensive.

The younger generation, says Wyman, seem to be happier and more hopeful. The ninth grade class his team visited was very interested in family photos he had to share with them and wanted to know all about his life back in the United States. All the team members brought photos and stories to share.

Wyman was very impressed by the dedication shown by the staff of the orphanages he visited. "The staff members have such love for the children in their keep. You can see it in their faces that they truly care about these children," Wyman said, emotionally.

The teams did have some time to do a little sightseeing and enjoy a trip to McDonald's so that they wouldn't get too homesick. Wyman said that the food tasted just the same because McDonald's uses worldwide standards for all of the restaurants. But, they still had to be careful not to drink the tap water.

FROM MOSCOW, WITH LOVE — These ninth grade Russian students, at a school on the outskirts of Moscow, wanted to send greetings back to the American people who donated so much to their people.

Wyman said he enjoyed speaking with the Russian people in Red Square, which seemed to be quite a popular meeting place. His team shared the gospel through interpreters and handed out more bibles in the square.

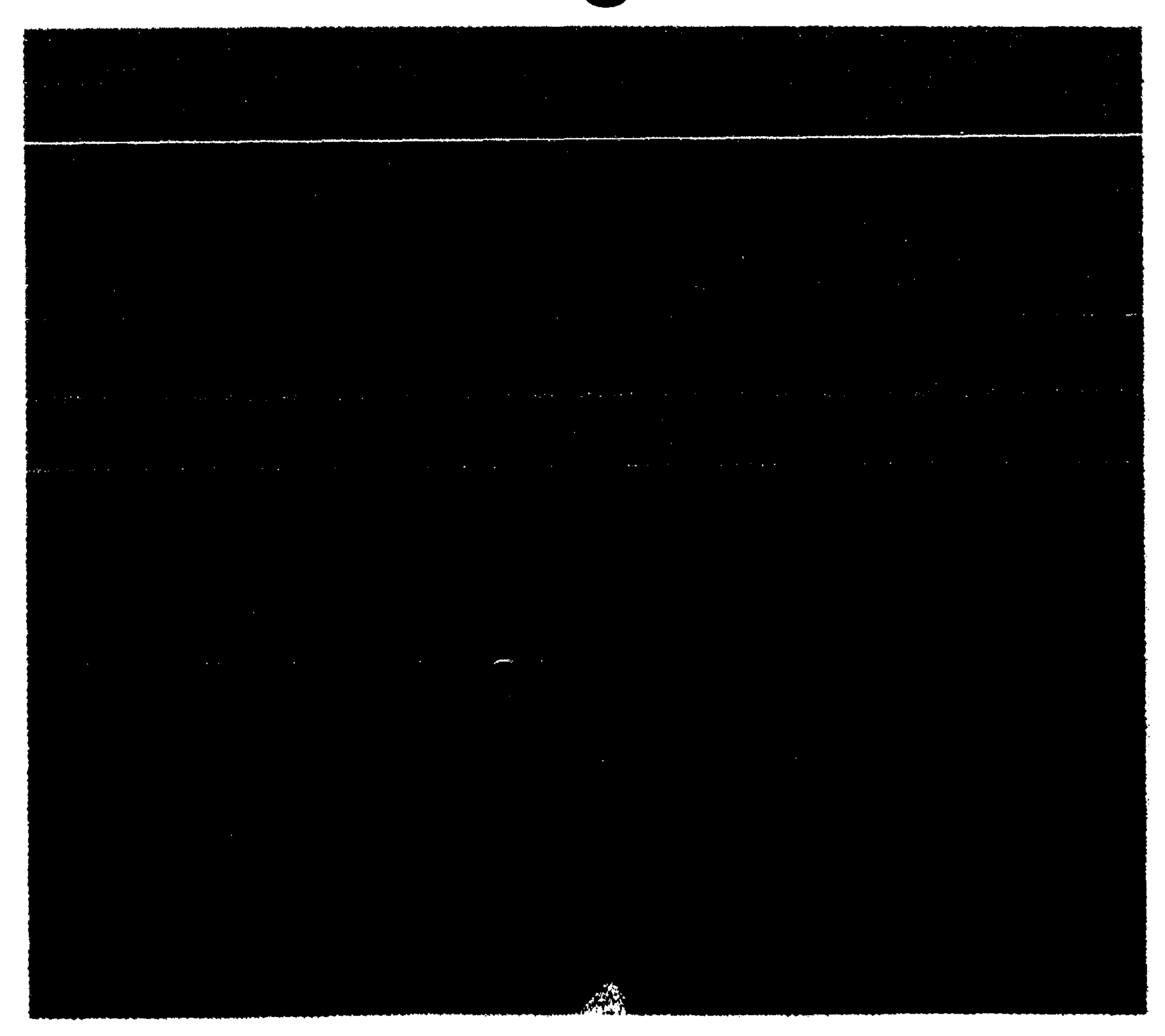
His trip to Russia caused Wyman to realize how much we take for granted in this country. A 15 minute telephone call home cost $107, when he could get through.

Wyman commented that we think nothing of walking into a grocery store and having thousands of items, a lot of them unnecessary, available to purchase. He said that we don't realize how lucky we are to be able to own our own homes and property and to do what we want with our lives.

Russia is on the long road toward democracy. Wyman and the other Operation Carelift '98 volunteers seem to have succeeded in showing the young people of that country that there is hope for their futures and a lot of people across the ocean that really care about them, as well.

Schools look toward June vote

Public hearing learns details of school building plans



by Shirley D. Schmoock
Special Writer

Students and staff of the Crawford AuSable Schools in Grayling have spent months focusing on the key changes in the renovation plan that is fast evolving through many hours of meetings between the school board and the architects for the project.

They like what they see. So did members of the public attending the public hearing with the school board on the plan Feb. 9.

Supt. Kent Reynolds, has been meeting with financial consultants to examine a variety of financing plans for the $14.9 million project. He explained to the board and those attending the public hearing that securing a 20-year bond issue now will yield many more dollars than it would have in past years.

"When the high school was built 25 years ago," said Paul Lerg, Assistant Superintendent and Business Manager for the district, "the cost was $2,960,000. The first year, the issue was placed at 9 mils. But with the tremendous economic growth we've experienced since that time, this new plan will be less than 2 mils."

Some major areas addressed in the high school building renovation plan are:

— Additional teaching stations (classrooms) to support a growing student body.

— Expansion of the current gymnasium to become regulation sized.

— Expansion of the current Joseph Stripe Auditorium from 400 seating capacity to 650. The auditorium also is used for an increasing number of community programs.

— Upgrade of the science, chemistry and biology labs.

— New heating and cooling system.

— New roof and ventilation system.

— Expansion of performing arts to meet student growth.

— Administration/office/conference renovation and expansion.

The present high school in Grayling was built in 1973 to house approximately 500-550 students. Within the next 10 years, the student population is expected to reach 750-800.

Enrollment figures for 1998 show that today the Middle School contains 187 students in6th grade, 198 in 7th grade, and 193 in 8th grade. These students will replace the present upper class in the high school by year 2000. And when added to today's freshmen, who will be seniors in year 2000, the number will grow to 760 students.

The present facility can in no way continue to house this expanding number of students. The present auditorium cannot seat the entire student body at any single performance, and the current cafeteria must be used at least three times to accommodate lunching students and staff. This space is also expected to serve the wrestling teams.

The anticipated expansion and renovation of the building, according to school officials, can satisfy future needs for at least another 10-15 years. But, as architect Harm Perdok warned, "if it's not done right and it's cobbled together, it will look it."

As he walked the audience through the anticipated renovation, many questions arose about the type of heating and cooling system to be installed, and whether there would be enough new classroom space to accommodate the growing student body. Most at the hearing conceded the current plan was a no-frills proposition.

Other inquiries included the possibility of combining the projected community Sportsplex with the high

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Budget still up in the air, County mulls creating Board Secretary

by Shirley D. Schmoock
Special Writer

The formal audit of Crawford County books has just been completed, but a composite view of various departments has yet to become final. What the county's surplus, if any, might be also is only guess-work.

County Treasurer Joe Wakeley and Accountant Marvin Anderson, however, have requested County Commissioners to use caution with regard to any hiring or extra expenditures.

Yet, with the 1998 budget still up in the air, the Board moved forward at its Jan. 27 meeting to create a new position — Confidential Secretary to the Board of Commissioners. Wages and benefits apparently would be comparable to three similar positions currently existing in county government.

The AFSCME Union contract signed in September 1997 allows three such positions: One currently serves in the Clerk/Register of Deeds office, one in the Prosecuting Attorney's office, and a third in the office of Sheriff.

It was unclear at the Jan. 27 meeting whether the Board expects to appropriate one of these employees for itself, when Commissioner Bruce Bretzke moved that a "new post be created for a 'confidential secretary' starting at the beginning rate."

Bretzke recommended that "we run the posting for two weeks, notify the union within five days, and advertise in the newspaper to non-union personnel."

Commissioner Dennis Long questioned whether the County "was under a hiring freeze," and whether "funds are available for this position."

Commissioner Kathy Black also asked where the budget stood, saying "you've just voted in a new position, and we don't have the 1998 budget yet."

Commissioner Lynnette Corlew reminded the board that another new position previously allowed the Clerk/Register had been authorized but not been filled.

Clerk/Register Sandra Moore asked where she stood with filling another position she had open, if the hiring freeze had been re-imposed.

"By law," she said, "I must fill this position. Right now, I'm the only person who knows the responsibilities of the job, and I cannot continue to do that job and mine as well."

The next motion was to "lift the freeze" and allow Moore to hire a Deputy Circuit Court Clerk — the position recently vacated when Linda Franklin moved to a Probate Court job. This position has been filled by Dana Anderson of Grayling.

At the same Jan. 27 meeting, Bretzke also proposed a pay raise for Commissioners, effective after the next General Election in November 1998.

"I believe," he said, "that the Commissioners deserve a raise considering all the work coming down. With no county administrator, I feel we should put a pay raise in effect for the next board."

No action was taken on Bretzke's proposal.

But the 1998 county budget has yet to see daylight, and it may not be adopted for another month or two. During the Board's next regular meeting on Feb. 12, Treasurer Wakeley again asked that "you put a hold on staff hiring, especially a 'confidential secretary'. We really need to look at the budget first. We've organized work sessions, and an organizational chart is being reviewed.".

Clerk/Register Moore also offered a list of responsibilities mandated by state law for her office. She said wanted to "clarify my position and prevent misunderstanding" regarding the Clerk's confidential position.

Notwithstanding these requests, Commissioner Robert Smock said in his Personnel and Labor Committee wrap up, "we're conducting interviews for a 'confidential secretary' at 11 a.m. on Tuesday (Feb. 17), and we expect to make an announcement at our next regularly scheduled Board meeting as to who it will be."

The board next meets Feb. 24 at 9 a.m.

Township recycling center chalks up an early profit

by Cheryll A. Ruley
Staff Writer

Grayling Township's recycling center saw its first profit in late January when the center's third truckload of recyclables netted $18 for the township.

Supervisor Terry Wright explained that the third truckload made a little money because the cost of transportation went down.

The dollar amount may not be impressive, but a profit for any recycling program means something is going right.

Most communities with such programs go into the project showing concern for the environment and are happy to break even or pay a fee for the service of having recyclable materials hauled away to some place other than a landfill.

Wright gives a lot of the credit for the early success of the program to Wayne Nelson, recycling manager. Nelson makes sure that the recyclable materials are sorted and loaded correctly.

Because of Nelson's attention to detail, hauling costs were lowered by the broker, from $240 to $150 per truckload.

Since the recycling center opened in mid-September 1997, other savings have been enjoyed by the township and its taxpayers.

Recycling has enabled the Grayling Township to reduce trips to the landfill, with its 40-yard dumpster, from three trips per week to two, for a savings of almost $500 each week.

"Overall, the cost of operating the refuse transfer station and the recycling center is still very expensive," Wright said.

"The sale of annual entry permits doesn't come close to paying the whole cost, but now, by recycling, that cost is headed down.

"It's beginning to be a case of more service for less money for township taxpayers and that's what Grayling Township government is all about," Wright added.

99 donors at the Red Cross blood drive

The American Red Cross January Blood drive was successful with 99 donors. There were two First Time donors — John Meredith and Judith Myers. Gallons pins were given out as follows:

Five gallon — James R. Wash and Kenneth Halstead. Six gallon — John A Lucey. Eight gallon — Robert J. Wargo. Nine gallon — Marilyn D. Fick.

Supplies of all types of blood (especially typeO) are at a all time low.

A Grayling Community Blood Drive will be held on Wednesday, March 4, from noon to 5:45 p.m. at The Grayling American Legion. This would be a great time to start donating blood. It is a rewarding way to give back to your community.

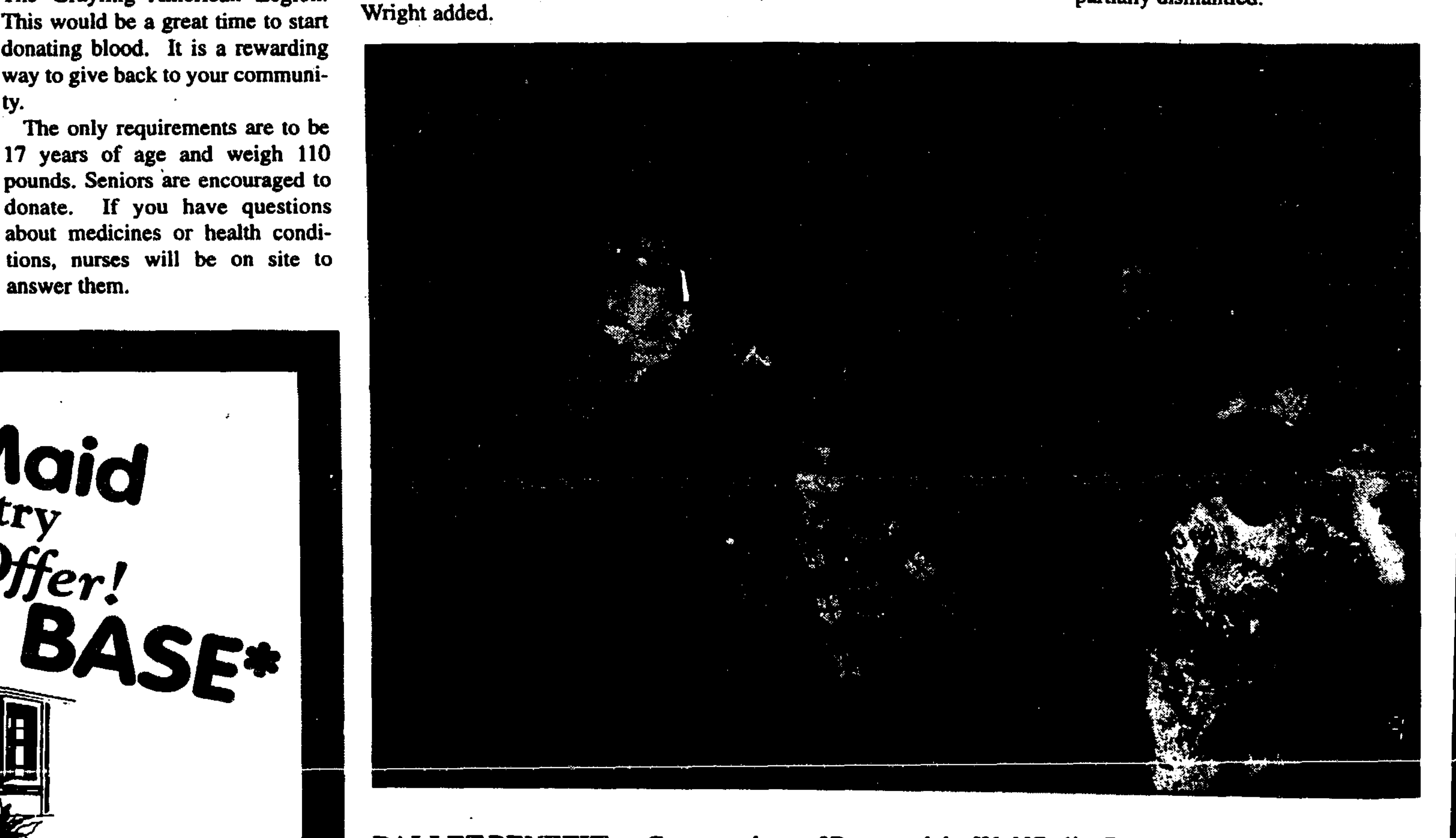
The only requirements are to be 17 years of age and weigh 110 pounds. Seniors are encouraged to donate. If you have questions about medicines or health conditions, nurses will be on site to answer them.

Chain saws stolen from tree service truck

A truck belonging to Lake State Tree Service, Inc. was burglarized while parked at the Grayling Mobile Estates trailer park, sometime between the late hours of Sunday, Feb. 1 and the early morning hours of Monday, Feb. 2.

According to foreman John Rolinski, a total of four gasoline powered chain saws were taken from the company's 1992 Chevy 1/2 ton pick-up. They were a 625 Jonsered, a 009 Stihl, a 019T Stihl, and a 021 Stihl.

The thief or thieves left behind one chain saw, apparently because it was partially dismantled.



BALLET BENEFIT — Cast members of Peter and the Wolf Ballet Benefit for the Animal Shelter of Crawford County strike a pose after raising $1,000 for the shelter.

Peter and the Wolf goes to the dogs...and cats

by Cheryll A. Ruley
Staff Writer

The Peter and the Wolf Ballet Benefit for the Animal Shelter of Crawford County was performed on Friday, Jan. 9 at the Joseph Stripe Auditorium.

Dancers from the Louise Tournaud School of Dance worked hard to put together a professional production in an effort to raise money to aid homeless animals in Crawford County. They raised $1,000, so their efforts were not in vain.

The cast was as follows: Peter - Jackie Murphy; the Wolf - Felicia Phillips; the Bird - Chelsea Papendick; the Cat - Ashley Longendyke; Grampa - Kara Longendyke; the Duck - Jamie Pinkelman; and the Hunters - Jennifer Long, Shayla Moore, Stacie Brown, Paige Conway and Chelsea Green.

The evening performance lasted 1 1/2 hours and included 20 award-winning dance competition numbers that most of the local audience members haven't had a chance to enjoy since most of the dancers' competitions are held down-state.

Louise Tournaud, owner and operator of the dance school, encouraged her students to "use their God-given talents" to raise money for the shelter and get involved with their community.

Tournaud is hoping to have her troupe travelling around northern Michigan this spring, visiting area elementary schools where they will perform Peter and the Wolf for K-5 students, with the mission of raising more money for the animal shelter.

MICHIGAN LOTTO

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February 11, 1998
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February 14, 1998
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Gift certificates for city employees receive legal approval -- or do they?

It's perfectly all right for the Grayling City Council to hand out food store gift certificates to city employees, according to a recent ruling by City Attorney David Sabin.

At least, that's how Mayor Ralph Stevens, City Manager Jerry Morford and Council Members have interpreted Sabin's ruling.

The question arose at Christmas time when the council voted to hand out to city employees and volunteer firemen $15 gift certificates, redeemable for supermarket food.

Recently elected Council Member D. J. Brown questioned the propriety of the gesture, wondering whether it was legal use of public funds. Mayor Stevens and other council veterans assured her it was a long standing practice, was okay under federal tax laws, and met all other legal requirements.

Brown cast the only "no" vote when the gifts were approved, and asked for a formal ruling from the City Attorney.

Sabin said he had examined federal, state and local income tax requirements, "as well as any other state law and case decisions regarding the use of public monies" to formulate his advice.

"If, as a means of promoting good will, an employer makes a general distribution to employees of hams, turkeys or other merchandise of nominal value at Christmas, or a comparable holiday, the value of the gifts is not included in the employees' income," Sabin wrote.

"But if an employer distributes cash, gift certificates or similar items of readily convertible cash value, the value of the gift is additional wages or salary regardless of value."

Under federal tax law, however, this kind of gift would be considered "de minimis," meaning roughly it's not worth enough to bother with in tax reporting, so is permissible under tax law.

Similar interpretations come after studying state and local income tax laws — "none of them consider gifts in the nature of compensation worth taxing:" Sabin wrote.

He continued: "That in and of itself is not dispositive of whether or not the gift certificates are legal or not legal albeit it does provide a barometer of governmental attitudes toward these kinds of gifts."

Then Sabin turned to case law, and found the going a bit murkier. Although state and city law "both provide that compensation is to be set by the city council," case law indicates "it may not have the authority to do so," he wrote.

With union negotiations now at hand in the city of Grayling, the whole thing "may become a moot point" anyway, Sabin said.

His final paragraph added to the mix:

"It would appear that the gift certificates may be similar to a pension in that it is in the nature of compensation for services rendered. If it is compensation, then it is normally taxable, which brings us full circle to the council. If the council continues this policy and identifies it strictly as a gift having no relationship to service performed, then it is probably illegal and should be discontinued. If, on the other hand, the council determines that this policy is in the form of recognition for services performed, i.e., a type of compensation, then it is not illegal but should be taxed," Sabin concluded.

Then, in a Solomon-esque finish, he counseled:

"I leave it to the Council and its negotiations as to whether or not this policy should be continued as compensation, or discontinued as a gift."

County Board continues wrestling with process for personnel reviews

by Shirley D. Schmoock
Special Writer

County Commissioner Robert Smock, who chairs the Board's Personnel and Labor Committee, has contended right along that Crawford County needs a personnel evaluation and job performance review policy.

Most Commissioners agree, but any action may be headed for rough waters. A Michigan Attorney General's Opinion could present some roadblocks.

The 1976 opinion is rather explicit on regulation of county's employees. The opinion states:

"Apart from its control of the county budget, a Board of County Commissioners has no control over the selection, dismissal or conditions of employment of elected county officials. A personnel policy adopted by a board of county commissioners does not apply to elected county officials."

The opinion also declares: "The County Board of Commissioners has no supervisory control over employees of elected officials. The Board of County Commissioners is empowered only to appropriate funds to elected officials for the hiring of employees by such officials and to establish the salaries of such employees."

At the board's Jan. 27 meeting, Smock informally moved to table the personnel evaluation question. Last week (Feb. 12), he returned to the issue.

"I'd like to see a personnel evaluation form ... approved by March," Smock said. "We should not give raises without employee evaluations. I'm adamant about cutting cards and rolling dice for raises. This evaluation process has never been done in this county and it's long overdue."

Commissioner Kathy Black warned against personnel evaluation that "seems to cover personality traits, not job qualifications. We need job descriptions and a personnel policy before we adopt something like this."

Chairman John Hartman worried that "we not get the cart before the horse. We need a Personnel Policy, but we need a time frame in which to establish job descriptions for county employees."

Smock said "not just employees, but department heads."

Commissioner Dennis Long suggested the board "evaluate department heads who are appointed, but I believe we need to differentiate between elected and appointed."

Commissioner Bruce Bretzke moved "that we evaluate department heads as — good, bad, or gone." His motion was not supported.

Smock added "if we're in charge of funding and fiscal management, then evaluating elected and appointed department heads seems to be a part of the process."

Long again cautioned that "this evaluation process may become very confusing," because "the buck on elected officials stops with the voters." He also said he didn't see "how we can have it both ways, as I don't believe we have any power over elected officials."

Black said "performance evaluations are clearly a tool to review employee performance in the business world. Employee performance should be based objectively, not subjectively upon outcome."

The issue once more was tabled for two weeks.

Hartman said "there are really two types of evaluations here. But I agree, pay raises sought by elected officials should be based upon how those elected officials have managed their offices and duties."

Correction

In the Feb. 12, 1998 issue of *The Avalanche*, a headline over the story on an application for rezoning in Grayling Township may have been misleading. The rezoning which Dan and Gale King seek is to permit vehicle storage and not a salvage yard, Mr. King said. *The Avalanche* regrets the error and any inconvenience it may have caused.



Township board decides against special road improvement levies

Grayling Township residents living along Old Lake Road, Shaw Park Road and the Sherwood Forest subdivision roads will not be assessed a special tax for road Improvements even if the roads are in need of repair.

That was the consensus of the members of the Grayling Township Board of Trustees at their Feb. 10 meeting.

Early last fall, members of the township board met with the Board of County Road Commissioners to talk about township roads. Together, they determined that those three roads were most in need of repair.

Residents in those areas were then asked in a letter from Township Supervisor Terry Wright in late November, if they would be willing to share the expense of road repairs. The request was part of the township's task in determining a long-term policy on allocating money for roads.

The majority of those responding said "no" to a special assessment. With that answer from residents, the township board decided against pursuing an assessment program, but can now allocate a set amount for road projects in its next budget, then determine how and where that money will be used, Wright said.

The township's current policy on road expenditures is a commitment to pay for 35 percent of all road improvement projects done through a special assessment, with nothing allocated to other projects, Wright said.

"This past summer we were able to spend a lot of money on road projects," Wright said. "Those were projects which came up suddenly because the road commission came into sudden and unforeseen grant moneys which it had to use immediately, or lose completely.

"It was fortunate that the township had some money to add to the pot, but the township board members were uncomfortable spending money that was not specifically included in a budget line item."

Wright said the big project of last year was the new intersection at Old Dam Road, M-72 West and M-93 West. Grayling Township put up $25,000 toward the total project cost of more than a million dollars, Wright said.

"That project came together in a matter of only a couple weeks with moneys coming from the state, local road commission, utility companies and township. It was a great expenditure of dollars because it made a very dangerous intersection much safer," said Wright.

School building plans

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school building. Marilyn Rosi, board president, explained that the liability for the school district would be too great.

"A pool would require more adult supervision than we have," echoed board member Jim McMillan. He added that he didn't believe two bond issues — one for the building/renovation for the high school and another for a Sportsplex — would pass in the community.

The time frame for the high school project is to settle first upon the bond language, then put the issue on the June ballot. If voters approve, request for bids would go out in January of 1999, with a spring 1999 start of construction.

The mechanical work — roof, plumbing, heating, ventilating, boiler work — would be done during the 10 weeks of summer, so the building would be ready for use in the fall of 1999.

"There is a long lead time on ordering this equipment," said Reynolds, "but we would expect the building to be finished by the fall of 1999."

The price of $14.9 million covers 35,000 square feet of renovated space and 60,000 square feet of new space. The cost also includes fully-furnished space such as cabinets, new flooring, laboratory fixtures, the kitchen's equipment, cafeteria furniture, and media center furnishings.

OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

Boyle's departure alters campaign mix

WHEN JUSTICE Patricia Boyle revealed she would not run for another eight-year term on the Michigan Supreme Court, it not only left a big hole on the bench but also threw the November judicial campaign into another spectrum.

Justice Boyle left a life-time appointment as a federal judge to join the Michigan Supreme Court back in 1983.

That, in itself, was an unusual move. The more normal judicial aspiration is to move from a state job which requires intermittent campaigning and election, to a secure, well-paying, well-pensioned, lifetime sinecure on a federal bench.

But Ms. Boyle decided to move the other way, and the Michigan system has been the better for it. In many matters, she has been one of the more enlightened members of the Michigan Supreme Court.

Now, at the judicially tender age of 60, Ms. Boyle is confounding the norm once again.

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WHY? SHE said she wants to stop and smell the roses, savor the sunrises, explore the world. Husband Terry Boyle also is a judge, and will leave the Wayne County Circuit Court when his term expires this year.

Her plans may have profound effect on the Supreme Court. She is one of four Democrats on the court, along with three Republicans.

Political expectations had been that she would run again in November, along with another court veteran and Democrat, Michael Cavanagh of Lansing. They were ranked as shoo-ins for reelection, and assured continuation of the 4-3 Democrat margin on the court.

But without a sitting justice as a candidate, and therefore without the magic of the designation of "incumbent" on the ballot, that's not so sure.

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THE THIRD race for the Supreme Court in November has become even more intriguing.

Justice Clifford Taylor of East Lansing, appointed to the Supreme Court a few months ago by Gov. Engler, must win election to fill out the balance of his term.

As a sitting justice, Mr. Taylor also will carry the "incumbent" label on the ballot. It's a big help, of course, but history shows it's not an automatic ticket to reelection, especially for a short-term appointee, such as Mr. Taylor.

With a Boyle-Cavanagh slate running for the full term, pro-Democrat activists could have focused their guns and dollars on the more reachable Taylor seat.

Now Democrats must win the wide open Boyle seat to maintain a 4-3 party edge on the court.

If Justice Cavanagh wins reelection as expected, and if Justice Taylor wins, too — which seems more likely in view of Ms. Boyle's decision — then the outcome of the campaign for the empty Boyle seat will decide control of the Supreme Court for the next two years.

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ONE MORE complicating factor looms in November:

With an empty seat at stake, it's more likely that self-starters can have an impact on the results.

In an open seat race to replace Justice Boyle, an independent candidate with a politically appealing name and demeanor could well draw enough votes away from major party candidates to influence the outcome, or even to win an upset victory.

All in all, Justice Boyle's decision to step aside for a while has created a whole new ball game in November's court elections.

"The dynamics changed quite a bit," said Bob LaBrant, who handles such things for the politically active Michigan Chamber of Commerce.

Cliff Taylor has been aided immensely, and the politicizing of the campaign has intensified.

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ONE OTHER place to keep a longer-range eye trained:

Have Democrats found their candidate for governor — after Engler?

Justice Boyle did not rule out future action in the political process. After her world tour, at age 62, there's plenty of time left for additional public service.

Moving from the relative purity of a judge's robe to the sometimes down and dirty world of gubernatorial politics could be quite a stretch.

But Patty Boyle seems to have a habit of confounding usual political wisdom.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

GUEST EDITORIAL

by Lynn McConnell

Small town feeling versus growth

Future in Grayling: A delicate balance

After being at the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Grayling Area Visitors Center for 11 months, I've been asked many times about how I view the changes taking place in our area.

As growth continues in all of northern Michigan, we must be prepared to meet the challenge here in Crawford County. It is a delicate balance to try to mamtain the small town feeling we so appreciate about our community while being ready for any increase in population or commercial and industrial development. We have so many unique assets that contribute to the reasons most of us settled here. If we could maintain that flavor, we would have wonderful, positive results.

The Industrial Development committee is working hard to provide some opportunities for developers. By facilitating the creation of locations that could be used for particular projects, planned growth could be a plus for Crawford County.

At the annual strategic planning session, our Board of Directors made a priority of a couple of items that effect all of the area. One was making pride a bedrock of our future. The second annual Grayling Pride Day will take place this spring. Thanks to the Grayling Uptown Business Association, that project was very successful last year. By encouraging pride, we all benefit.

Pride starts at home. The Chamber of Commerce Executive Board approved expenditures for improvements in our own office. We encourage everyone to come in and see our interior which includes new wallpaper, paint, carpet, conference room chairs.

Another priority of the Board this year is to continue to improve benefits to our members. The first step was starting a Member to Member business exchange program. Special discounts are given to Chamber members by participating businesses. Other benefit programs are always being investigated. The Chamber of Commerce is a community, business based organization and as such we endeavor to provide information to our members by means of our monthly newsletters.

We work to give our members an opportunity to network with each other, hopefully helping to build a community feeling. We actively support those businesses and members. Many times daily, calls come into our office asking for recommendations on all types of business, tourism, and industry. While we do not give preference to one business over another, we do give information about all of our members.

Having had some very basic knowledge of the workings of a Chamber of Commerce prior to taking this position, I am still amazed at the volume of calls that relate to all types of business. True, the majority of requests involve tourism-related attractions and lodging. However, we are asked many questions about all other aspects of the community. While we strive to "know it all," that task is a huge undertaking.

As mentioned above, we have assets that make us unique. Some of those are our location at the joining of two major highways, the wonderful rivers that flow through our area, and the wonderful businesses that have chosen to locate here, along with many others. These assets encourage growth and tourism. With the dollars spent in our community by visitors, our businesses have funds to purchase goods and services from those not directly providing for tourists.

I would like to see an audience at our monthly Chamber Board of Directors meetings. They are held on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:30 a.m. at City Hall. We can only get better by knowing where we can improve.

AVALANCHE DEADLINES

Community news items submitted to the Avalanche must be turned in to the office by Monday noon, to appear in our Wednesday issue.

Letters to the Editor and photographs must be turned in by Friday noon to be considered for the next issue. Please use every other line.

· Classified ads by the word must be turned in by Tuesday noon and have to be paid in advance or they will not be published. Classified display ads must be turned in by Monday noon.

Full page, half page, or color display ads must be turned in by Thursday, 5 p.m.

' The deadline for all display ads smaller than a half page is Friday, 5 p.m.

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HEALTHLINE

Linda DeMarchis, M.A., Health Educator

Q: I see a lot of commercials on TV about these liquid nutritional supplements. Are all their claims really true? What are they made of?

Nutritional liquid supplements are currently being marketed rather aggressively to the public for a variety of reasons. They can help you lose weight or gain weight, improve your energy and substitute for a proper meal, according to claims.

It's true that these drinks are healthier for many of us as a snack, than a bag of potato chips or a candy bar. However, the majority of Americans really do not need them.

What are the major ingredients of these beverages? Usually skim milk, sugars, vegetable oil, thickeners, flavoring agents, and added vitamins and minerals. As far as claims made by the manufacturers, which ones are true and which are exaggerated?

The claim "energy drink" simply means "calories" which these drinks do provide - anywhere from 200 to 360 calories per can. The "high protein" claim is somewhat true since these products contain a little more protein than milk. However, most Americans are already getting more than enough protein in their diets, 50% more than the RDA. The "low fat" claim is also true in most cases since they are relatively low in fat. However, a few have 9 or more grams of fat per cup. The "complete nutrition" claim is somewhat debatable since it can typically supplies 15 to 50% of most vitamins and minerals but none of the other beneficial substances found in fruits and vegetables such as fiber. Often the manufacturers claim that the drinks are "doctor recommended." Doctors may recommend these products for people who are sick and can't eat enough of regular solid food to maintain their health. They also may be recommended for overweight individuals in a medically supervised weight loss program. But, doctors rarely recommend the drinks for the general public to use on a regular basis.

One major claim made by these drinks is that they are "easy and convenient". Yet other nutritious items can be just as easy and convenient to grab in a hurry such as a cup of low fat yogurt, with a banana or fruit juice. And, they cost less.

EDITOR

Reader questions need for Grayling Township Charter

To the editor,

This is to address the article in your paper regarding Grayling Township looking into becoming a "Chartered" Township.

First of all we the people should take a good look at what a Charter is and what it means, because when I read this article, I was shocked that it was far from the real definition. So I took the time to look it up and here is the results:

Dictionary defintion of "Charter":

1) A document issued by a sovereign, legislature, or other authority, creating a public or private corporation, such as a city, college, or bank, defining it privileges and purpose. 2) A written grant from the sovereign power of a country on a person, a corporation, or the people. 3) A document outlining the principles, functions, and organization of a corporate body; a constitution. 4) An authorization from a central organization to establish a local branch or chapter. 5) Special privileges or immunity.

Thesaurus definition of "Charter":

1) To engage the temporary use of (something) for a fee.

a. let
b. hire
c. rent
d. lease

My question to the Township is what part of a "Charter", are they looking for and why. I am not alone with this feeling and I believe that the residents of Grayling Township should go to their next meeting to get these questions answered.

Bill Winfield,
Concerned Citizen of Grayling Township

Fencing sidewalk at lake bothers veteran backlotter

To the Editor:

It saddened me to read in my recently delivered Avalanche that the "cookhouse" sidewalk at Lake Margrethe has been fenced off In my youth always summered in that area of the lake. In the forties and fifties I was always a "backlotter" but had friends along the sidewalk and walked, biked and played freely on it

I am pleased to once again be a vacationing backlotter and one of the first things my four kids and I always do is walk the walk where their great great grandparents took their Sunday strolls. We are glad to have had these times along the walk. I'm sure everyone knew someone would eventually get their lawyer to be sure they "have the right" to close the walk, for whatever reason.

I do recall a fellow in the late 60's or 70's, who moved up from Detroit closing the walk as "was his right", but lucky neither he or his fence lasted very long and we who use the walk got a 25 year extension.

Thank you for your time. Regards,

N. Peter Olson
Clearwater, B.C. Canada

Sincere thanks from Junior Miss

To the editor,

A sincere thank you to all in our community connected with the Grayling Junior Miss Program.

Special thanks to the ABWA for its sponsorship of this event, to the many businesses and organizations that contributed to it, and to the many individuals who supported 12 young women in so many ways.

For 13 weeks all of the contestants were fed, entertained, beautified, and generally encouraged to be the best we could be.

It was as though this community reached out to put its loving arms around us all. I believe I speak for all 12 contestants in saying that this was a life-enriching experience.

Thank you for this wonderful cooperative effort. I feel truly honored to represent this community during the coming year.

Jessica Becks,
1998 Grayling Jr. Miss

BRIEFS

Branch of Dean's List

Steven Branch of Grayling was named to the Central Michigan University Dean's List for outstanding academic performance during the Fall 1997 Semester.

Lions Raffle winner listed

The Lions Lucky 13 winner for week 6 is Larry Pratt of Grayling. Larry won $100.

Substance Abuse Board to meet

The next regular meeting of the Northern Michigan Substance Abuse Services Board of Directors will be Monday, March 2, beginning at 10 a.m. in the Baraga Meeting Room of the Offices of Northern Michigan Substance Services, Inc. in Gaylord. For an agenda and details, please call (517) 732-1791

Braille materials, readers for the visually impaired, and interpreter for the hearing impaired will be provided upon request.

Grand Valley Honors Palmer

Kendra S. Palmer of Grayling was named to the Grand Valley State University Dean's List for maintaining at least a 3.5 grade point average while enrolled for at least 12 credits.

Madonna University honors pair

Due to their superior academic performance, Patricia J. Bonamie and Dawn M. Smith, both part-time students from Grayling, were named to the Academic Achievement List during the past term at Madonna University.

SHARE pick-up/sign-up scheduled

The next SHARE pick-up/sign-up date is Friday, Feb. 27, at the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints on North Down River Road in Grayling.

Gardener Classes to begin

The Crawford County 4-H announces its Junior Master Gardener Class for youth in the third through fifth grade. The cost is $10 per child and classes run for six weeks, beginning Feb. 23. Call the 4-H office at 348-2844, ext. 264 to register.

Have a Heart Month

The Christian Help Center is looking for donations of paper towels, toilet paper and facial tissue during its paper drive the entire month of February. The center is located at 306 N. James St. Hours are M-W-F 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Eagles' Sock Hop date

The Eagles' Ladies' Auxiliary's newsletter contained an error concerning the upcoming Sock Hop. The newsletter read the date of the Sock Hop to be Feb. 28. The actual date of the event is Feb. 21, from 8 p.m. to midnight.

Lake Superior State names Dean's list

Lake Superior State University students from your area have been named to the Dean's list for the 1997 fall semester. These students attained at least a 3.5 grade-point average on a scale of 4.0.

Two area students made the Lake Superior State University Dean's list, they are: Julie Ann Gingerick and JC Michael Millikin, both of Grayling.



FOUNDATION GIFT — The North Central Michigan Community Foundation has awarded $100 to Heidi Wallace (center) to help cover expenses when she goes to Europe next summer to perform with the Blue Lake Fine Arts Academy Band. Carolyn DiPonio (left) and Laurie Figley do the honors.

Music student receives NCMCF's first grant

The North Central Michigan Community Foundation awarded its first grant, since forming, to Grayling High School musician Heidie Wallace. The $100 grant will be used toward complete funding of an international tour with the Blue Lake Fine Arts Academy.

Heidie has played the clarinet for about six years and has attended the Blue Lake Fine Arts Academy during the summer months for the last three years.

Only 95 students out of 1,200 are chosen for the honor of playing in the European tour group, that will be visiting Germany, Holland, Belgium and France over the course of three weeks.

Heidie needs to raise a total of $2,900 to cover the cost of the trip. Anyone wishing to donate to Heidie's travel fund may do so at this address: Heidie Wallace, P.O. Box 306, Frederic, MI 49733.



FIND THE DEER — They may be tough to spot, but these deer spotted in an open field indicate how they naturally space themselves when feeding from natural vegetation instead of at a bait pile. Photo by Shirley Schmoock.

Deer feeding ban imposed on Crawford County herds

by Shirley D. Schmoock
Special Writer

The deer feeding ban recently imposed by the state — other than to bait for hunting — covers the region north of M-55 and east of I-75. This ban covers all of Lovells, Maple Forest and South Branch Townships. It also includes most of Grayling Township and nearly one half of Beaver Creek Township.

Hunters in these areas are being encouraged to scatter the bait throughout a larger area to reduce the close contact the animals have with each other while feeding at bait piles. Northeastern Michigan is the home of many hunting clubs, which may not welcome this ban.

Bovine tuberculosis, however, is deadly, and it's being carried into herds of domestic cattle by the wild deer populations in Michigan. In order to stop the spread of the disease, Gov. John Engler has ordered state conservation and agriculture officials to develop a plan for eradicating it.

The state natural resources commission is currently taking public comment on the issue, expected to be decided in March. Nose-to-nose contact among deer feeding at bait piles or at feeding stations has been blamed for spreading the disease.

Under the feeding ban, other restrictions are:

* Baiting will only be allowed from Sept. 24 until the end of muzzle-loading deer season, which this year is Dec. 21. That time period includes the firearm deer season.

* No salt blocks or other mineral baits are allowed. Only grains and pellets can be used. This prohibits carrots and apples, both popular deer bait.

* No more than five gallons of grains or pellets may be used for each location or hunting party.

* Mechanical or electronic feeding devices are prohibited.

Weight restrictions in effect

by Cheryll A. Ruley
Staff Writer

The Road Commission for Crawford County, in cooperation with Kalkaska, Otsego, Oscoda and Roscommon counties, has established enforceable weight restrictions for travel on all primary and local roads, effective 8 a.m., Monday, Feb. 16.

James Briney, Managing Director for the road commission, said that cooperation with the four surrounding counties is traditional and helps avoid creating weight restriction traps for truck drivers.

Under the restrictions, commercial haulers are expected to comply with the Michigan Department of Transportation Standard of 35% load reductions.

Lesser loads may be required if a quick thaw occurs. Any hauler who may have a specific question about restricted roads may contact the road commission at (517) 348-2281.

"Planning for the End of Life-- Advanced Directives, Funeral, Burial"
Sunday, February 22
2 to 3:30 pm
St. Mary's Family Center

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Lamaze Childbirth Education
5-week series begins
Wednesday, March 11
7 to 9 pm • Riverside Room

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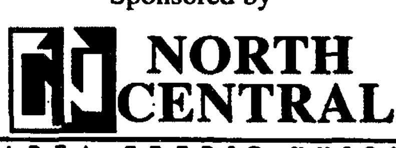
BLS Instructor Course
Saturday, March 14
8 am to 5 pm • Cost: $100
Riverside Room

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Community Retreat with Joyce Rupp, OSM
"The Cup of Our Life"
Wednesday, March 18
9 am to 3 pm
Cost: $25 (includes lunch)
St. Mary's Family Center

Community Calendar

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Submit your public events to the Crawford County Avalanche
348-6811
Deadline: Thursday noon

FEBRUARY 1998

HS Pre-Festival, CMU Concert
Thursday, February 19, 1998

THURS 19	•TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) @ Mercy Hospital Riverside Room, 5 pm. For more information call Mary Kay, 348-1398. •MERCY AMICARE Hospice Services Bereavement support groups @ St. Mary's Learning Center, 702 Peninsular, 3-5 pm. For more information call Mary Beth Dettling, 1-800-424-1457. •GRAYLING RECREATION AUTHORITY meeting @ Hanson Hills, 7 pm. •VAR SKIING REGIONALS. •FRESH BBB vs. Standish Sterling, away, 6 pm. •AP/GE FAMILY INVOLVEMENT, 6:30 pm. •FREDERIC ELEMENTARY Science Fair, 6:30 pm. •HS PRE-FESTIVAL CMU concert @ Joseph Stripe Auditorium, 7:30 pm.
FRI 20	•VAR & JV BBB vs. Saginaw Valley Lutheran, away, 6:15 pm. •SAT REGISTRATION DEADLINE for March 28 test.
SAT 21	•AP ARTS/SMARTS FAIR @ AP cafeteria, 10 am to 12 noon. •GE SCIENCE FAIR @ GE gym, 10 am to 12 noon. •HS FORENSICS Beaverton Invitational. •VAR WRESTLING MHSSA individual districts.
SUN 22	•ATTEND THE CHURCH of your choice today.
MON 23	•KIWANIS CLUB meeting @ Iron Gate Restaurant, 12 noon. •MS SPIRIT WEEK (Feb. 23-27). •JV VOLLEYBALL vs. Standish Sterling, away, 6 pm. •FRESH BBB vs. Standish Sterling, home, 6 pm.
TUES 24	•GPA MEETING @ Iron Gate Restaurant, 12 noon. •VAR & JV BBB vs. Gaylord, away, 6:15 pm.
WED 25	•ROTARY MEETING @ Patti's Towne House, 12 noon. •WEIGHT WATCHER'S meeting @ St. Francis Episcopal Church, M-72 West; weigh-in 4:45 pm; meeting, 5:30 pm. For more information call Mary, 348-5306. •LIONS CLUB meeting @ Breaker's Steak House, 6:30 pm. •PROJECT GRADUATION meeting @ HS, 7 pm.

The Bible Speaks

From the Calvary Baptist Church

Wife Beating

The BBC recently told about a trial in Kajiado. Kenya of a Masai man charged with beating his former wife. They reported."Wife-beating in Kenya is widely endured, but it is also still widely accepted as a part of tribal customs. Few cases come before a court because the police dismiss incidents of wife-beating as domestic issues. Even the father of the woman bringing the suit "says he used to beat both of his wives, but he would no longer do so because times have changed."

Are such values or lack thereof mere cultural choices? After all abortion, infanticide, suicide, and euthanasia which end human life are becoming more and more acceptable in even our own country. When we talk about human rights, who sets the standards? The father of the woman above has two wives. Is a nation wrong which practices polygamy?

Christianity has done more to set standards for order and peace in the home than any other historical factor. (Colossians 3:18-21) "Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord. {19} Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them. {20} Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord. {21} Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged." A Christian couple should live in a one flesh union of compatibility and be obeyed and honored by their children. Many modern homes operate as a miniature democracy, with small children in the majority and in control of the family while both parents argue and fight. Instead of being a heavenly place of harmony, the home becomes a picture of Hell on earth.

Just as there is order in Heaven, so also, God planned the home to be an orderly place. (1 Corinthians 11:3) "But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God." (Ephesians 5:33) "Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband."

The relationship between the husband and wife is to follow the example of Christ and His church. (Ephesians 5:22-25) "Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. {23} For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. {24} Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every-thing. {25}. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it." The husband's love toward his wife is to be sacrificial as Christ's love for His church. The wife's submission to her husband is to be as unto the Lord, not human authority.

Pagan men use force and cumpulsion to bring control over a weaker partner. Christian men are taught in 1 Peter 3:7: "Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered." Family order should be based upon divine knowledge, not brute force. Paster"B"

Please pray for the ministry of this column and our church. Websites at: http:/ freeway.net/~cba/ and at http:// www,geocities.com/Heartland/Ranch/ 1263/

Employee Relations Board decision finds Crawford County violated act

by Shirley D. Schmoock
Special Writer

After a public hearing before the Michigan Employment Relations Commission, its chief administrative law judge, Shlomo Sperka, last month found Crawford County Prosecutor John Huss had violated the Public Employment Relations Act (PERA).

The Crawford Board of Commissioners, Clerk/Register of Deeds, and Treasurer, as co-employers, were automatically cited as part of this ruling.

PERA bars county officials from interfering with union activities. After the ruling, a "Notice to Employees" was posted in the County Building stating:

"We will not harass, threaten or intimidate employees for engaging in concerted activity protected by PERA on behalf of Michigan AFSCME Council 25 and Crawford County Courthouse Employees, Chapter Local 2759 or any other labor organization."

Commissioner Robert Smock, labor and personnel chair, signed the notice on behalf of the County Board, the Clerk/Register, Prosecutor and Treasurer.

The incident causing the violation arose when Huss was claimed to have "slammed doors and yelled" at union representative Carol Conklin for her remarks to a temporary employee of the prosecutor's office.

Conklin had asked the temporary employee if she was filling in for a confidential or union employee. "Confidential employees" handle bargaining agreements, labor issues, and disciplinary actions, as well as their office duties.

Conklin is employed by the County Equalization Department and handles legal notices, postings, and performs general office management.

As a union chapter chair for seven years, Conklin said "when there's negotiations, I'm there; when there's a grievance, I'm there." Conklin is in charge of union affairs, and said "the Board's job is to control the budget, not the employees."

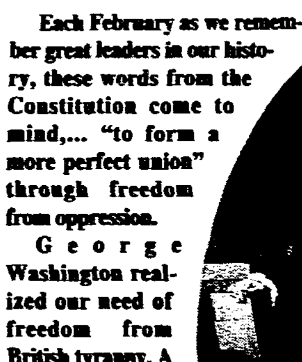
Conklin said there had been several grievances filed in the past two years. Michael Dunckel, chief deputy clerk, estimated that "legal costs for each of them may be between $1,100 and $1,200."

Dunckel said an agreement signed with the union in September 1997 requires the side which loses an arbitration to pay costs attributed to that case.

"This would double the price, and the county has only won one of these (past) cases," he said.

Church Directory

"In Order to Form a More Perfect Union..."



Each February as we remember great leaders in our history, these words from the Constitution come to mind,... "to form a more perfect union" through freedom from oppression.

George Washington realized our need of freedom from British tyranny. A century later, Abraham Lincoln saw the need for freedom and equality within our own nation in order to form a more humane society. In God's word we read, "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free...for you are all one" (Galatians 3:28).

Throughout history our leaders have understood not only our advanced needs for equality, but the role we as a nation play in forming a better world through upholding freedom. Exercise your freedom of religion and worship in your chosen church or synagogue. Pray for our leaders and for "a more perfect union."

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Luke	Luke	Hosea	Hosea	Micah	Nahum	Deuteronomy
13:1-30	15:1-32	11:1-11	14:1-9	7:8-20	1:1-15	6:1-9

Scriptures Selected by The American Bible Society

Christian Science Society
209 First St. - Suite 103 - Gaylord
Sunday Service . . . . . . 10:30 am
April through October
2nd Wednesday . . . . . . 8 pm

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church
Pastor J. Douglas Paterson
400 Michigan Ave. • 348-2974
(temporarily held at AuSable Primary)
Sunday Worship . . . . . . 10 am
Sunday School . . . . . . 11:15 am
Coffee Fellowship . . . . . . 12 noon
Bible Study (Wed.) . . . . . . 10 am

Seventh Day Adventist
Pastor David Stramel
Phone 348-4445
Services held Saturday at Camp AuSable off M-72 East (1st building on right inside camp entrance).
Church Service . . . . . . 9:30 am
Sabbath School . . . . . . 10:30 am
Prayer Meeting Tues . . . . . . 7 pm

Burning Bush Tabernacle
Pastor Patricia Petrie, 348-1278
501 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling
Sunday School . . . . . . 10 am
Sunday Service & Children's Church. 11 am
Sunday Evening Service . . . . . . 6 pm
Monday Prayer Meeting . . . . . . 7 pm
Wednesday Bible Study . . . . . . 7 pm
Thursday Discipleship Class . . . . . . 7 pm

Grayling Assembly of God
Rev. Ron Voelker, Pastor
701 S. I-75 Business Loop
Church 348-8885 • Parsonage 348-2588
Sunday School . . . . . . 9:30 am
Morning Worship . . . . . . 10:30 am
Evening Service . . . . . . 6 pm
Wednesday - Family Night
Adult-Youth-Children . . . . . . 7 pm

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
President Larry A. Cook
600 North Elm Street, Gaylord
Sacrament . . . . . . 10 am
Sunday School . . . . . . 11 am
Primary . . . . . . 11 am
Priesthood . . . . . . 12 noon
Relief Society . . . . . . 12 noon

Heritage Baptist
Pastor Ernie Wagner 348-1411
1841 Hartwick Pines Rd.
1/4 mile west of I-75
Sunday School . . . . . . 9:45 am
Morning Worship . . . . . . 11 am
Evening Worship . . . . . . 6 pm
Wednesday . . . . . . 7 pm

St. John Evangelical Lutheran (ELCA)
Bible School . . . . . . 9:15 am
Adult Bible Study . . . . . . 9:15 am
Sunday Worship . . . . . . 10:30 am
Nursery is available

Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
Pastor Patricia Fowler
North Down River Rd. at 1030 Glenn Rd.
P.O. Box 1188
Church School . . . . . . 9:45 am
Preaching . . . . . . 11 am
Midweek Service Prayer . . . . . . 7 pm

Gaylord Christian Reformed
Rev. V. Schaap
415 Ohio North, Gaylord
Sunday School . . . . . . 9:45 am
Morning Worship . . . . . . 11 am
Evening Service . . . . . . 6 pm
Wednesday Bible Study . . . . . . 7:30 pm

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Community
Robert W. Nally, J.V., Pastor
700-708 Peninsular - 348-7657
Sabbath Eucharist
Saturday Vigil . . . . . . 5 pm
Sunday Mass . . . . . . 8 am
Family Mass . . . . . . 10:30 am
Sunday Family Bible Study/Sharing . . . . . . 9:30 am
Daily Masses . . . . . .
Wednesday & 1st, 3rd & 5th Friday . . . . . . 8:30 am
Daily Worship
Sacrament of Reconciliation, one hour prior to Saturday Vigil Mass, or by appt.

First Baptist Church of Frederic
Pastor Dale Hammond
Sunday School . . . . . . 9:45 am
Morning Worship . . . . . . 11 am
Evening Worship . . . . . . 6 pm
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study . . . . . . 7 pm

Calvary Baptist church
Dr. Robert Barnett, Pastor
M-72 West
Sunday School . . . . . . 9:45 am
Morning Worship . . . . . . 10:30 am
Evening Worship . . . . . . 6 pm
Mid-Week Services
Wednesday . . . . . . 7 pm
Prayer & Awaina Club (Wed.) . . . . . . 7 pm

Church of Christ
Larry Turner, Minister
Old US-27 at Skyline Rd. • 275-4388
Sunday Classes . . . . . . 10:30 am
Sunday Worship . . . . . . 11:15 am
Sunday Evening . . . . . . 6 pm
Wednesday
Mid-Week Bible Study . . . . . . 7 pm

Bear Lake Christian
M-72 & East Bear Lake Rd.
Sunday School . . . . . . 9 am
Sunday Service . . . . . . 10 am

The Church of Chris with the Elija Message
Pastor Dohn E. Weaver
7662 Kelly Ave., Frederic
Sunday Worship . . . . . . 10 am & 7 pm
Wed. Prayer Service . . . . . . 7 pm

Abundant Life Tabernacle
Pastor Lyle Studer
211 Shellenbarger St. • 348-5325
Sunday School . . . . . . 10 am
Sunday Worship . . . . . . 11 am & 6:30 pm
Wednesday Evening . . . . . . 7 pm

Grayling Baptist church
Affiliated with S.B.C.
Pastor Terry Colby
Meeting at Hanson Hills • 348-2557
Sunday School . . . . . . 9:45 am
Morning Worship . . . . . . 11 am
Evening Service . . . . . . 6 pm
Wednesday Service . . . . . . 7 pm

Harvest Time Church of God
Pastor Fred Coates
506 North Birch St., Kalkaska
(616) 258-3448
Sunday School . . . . . . 10 am
Worship Service . . . . . . 11 am & 6 pm
Family Training Hour and Prayer
Wednesday . . . . . . 7 pm

Lovells Chapel
Pastor Rev. D. Dean Coursey
Sunday School . . . . . . 10 am
Chapel Service . . . . . . 11 am
Wednesday Prayer Meeting . . . . . . 7-8 pm

Free Methodist
Joseph Carpenter - Pastor
6652 W. Kalkaska Rd.(M-72 W.) • 348-5362
Sunday School . . . . . . 10 am
Morning Service . . . . . . 11 am
Evening Service . . . . . . 6 pm
Prayer Meeting (Wednesday) . . . . . . 7 pm

Mt. Hope Evangelical Lutheran--Missouri Synod
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Sunday School & Bible Study . . . . . . 9 am
Sunday Worship . . . . . . 10:30 am
Tuesday Weekday School . . . . . . 5 pm
Wednesday Bible Study . . . . . . 9 am
Thursday Women's Bible Study . . . . . . 9 am

St. Francis Episcopal
Rev. Robert Henley
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Sunday Holy Eucharist . . . 8:30 & 10:30 am
Morning Praise . . . . . . 10:30 am
(the second Sunday of each month)
Adult Sunday School . . . . . . 9:30 am
Children's Sunday School . . . . . . 9:30 am
Sunday nursery provided . . . . . . 10:30 am
Adult Choir Practice (Wednesday) . 6:45 pm

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Herbert R. Filter - Pastor
For information call 275-5443
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2247 Durfee Lane
Sunday School . . . . . . 10 am
Sunday Morning Worship . . . . . . 11 am
Sunday Evening Worship . . . . . . 6 pm
Wednesday Bible Study . . . . . . 7 pm

Unity of Gaylord
Rex Franklin, Minister
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Sunday Services . . . . . . 10:30 am
Sunday School . . . . . . 10:30 am

Kirtland offers courses to area

Kirtland's Community Services program offers a variety of continuing education courses beginning in March. There are several computer courses, as well as classes in Tai Chi and Yoga and butterfly gardening. Again this year, an "attend with a friend" (AWF) discount applies to certain courses when one person and a friend register and pay together. Also, there is a standard 15 percent discount for senior citizens, 60 years of age and older. For more information or to register, residents are asked to call Community Services at (517) 275-5121, ext. 210.

An Introduction to Personal Computers A course which answers the question, "How do I turn this thing on?" Students explore hardware and software issues and see demonstrations of popular software packages... and have hands-on experience with laptop computers. Mondays, March 2 and 16, 6-9 p.m. Continuing Education Center (CEC). Course fee: $39. AWF discount: $35. Senior discount: $33.15. Registration deadline February 23.

Surviving Day One With Windows 95 (Day and Evening Sessions) Course topics include Windows 95 basics; managing your files; accessing your programs quickly; adjusting settings; installing hardware and software, etc. Class limit: 12 students. Monday evenings, March 23 & 30, 6-9 p.m. (CEC). Fee, $55. Senior discount: $46.75 Reg. deadline, March 16. (Friday, April 24, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Holiday Inn, Grayling. Same fees/discounts; Reg. deadline April 17.)

Internet Cafe (New) (Two sessions) Follow discussion groups, surf the net, explore different Internet options. Along the way sip coffee in the bright java-laden lobby. Class limit: 12 students. Thursdays, March 26 and April 16, 6-9 p.m. (CEC). Course fee: $29 for each session. AWF discount: $26 for each session. Senior discount: $24.65 for each session. Reg. deadline for March 26 is March 19; for April 16 - April 9.

Microsoft Word™ 97 (Level 1 for Windows 95) Day and Evening Sessions. Course introduces the powerful word processing capabilities of Microsoft Word™ 97. Students learn to enhance documents with first class formatting and to tackle tables with ease. No prior knowledge of Microsoft Word™ 97 required; however basic computer skills are necessary. Laptop computers used. Class limit: 12 students. Monday evenings, April 13 & 27, 6 - 9 p.m. (CEC) Reg. deadline April 6. Friday, May 1, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Holiday Inn, Grayling. Reg. deadline April 28. Fees for either day/evening course: $55. AWF discount: $49.50. Senior discount: $46.75. Required text $25.

Microsoft Excel™ 97 (Worksheets for Windows 95) Day and Evening Sessions. Course introduces the powerful electronic spreadsheet environment of Microsoft Excel™ 97. Students learn built-in functions to easily create spreadsheets, enhance data appearance by using formatting techniques. No prior knowledge of Microsoft Excel™ 97 required; however, a basic understanding of computers necessary. Laptop computers used. Text and diskette included. Class limit: 12 students. Monday evenings, May 4 & 11, 6 - 9 p.m. (CEC) Reg. deadline April 27. Friday, May 8, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Holiday Inn, Grayling. Reg. deadline May 1. Fees for either day or evening course: $55. AWF discount: $49.50. Senior discount: $46.75. Required text - $25.

Tai Chi (New) This ancient Chinese martial art is meditation in motion. Slow dance-like movements integrate body, mind, and spirit while providing physical exercise, relaxation, and mediation. There is no kicking, punching, or physical contact. Participants should wear loose clothing. Instructor Kaye Thomas-Hogan. Tuesdays, March 3 - April 21, 5 - 6 p.m. St. Elizabeth's Church, Higgins Lake. Fee $35. AWF discount: $31.50. Senior discount: $29.75. Reg. deadline February 24.

Yoga (new) Short course helps to enhance physical, mental, and emotional well-being through breathing techniques and physical postures. Student learns to increase vitality and mental clarity by using stress management techniques. Yoga aids respiratory, circulatory, and digestive systems while providing flexibility and relaxation. Participants should wear loose clothing and bring an exercise mat or blanket. Instructor Kaye Thomas-Hogan. Tuesdays, March 3 - April 21, 6:15 - 8:15 p.m. St. Elizabeth's Church, Higgins Lake. Fee $55. AWF discount: $49.50. Senior discount: $46.75. Reg. deadline February 24.

Gardening to Attract Butterflies Students learn practical methods for attracting these flying jewels to their gardens. Also offers an introduction to butterfly biology. Instructor: Gary Dunn. Saturday March 21, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. KCC CEC. Fee $35. AWF discount: $31.50. Senior discount : $29.75. Reg. deadline March 13.

Wayne Hindmarsh

Hindmarsh in new role

Former Grayling resident Wayne Hindmarsh has become general manager for Adnex-Detroit.

Adnex-Detroit fiberoptically connects the TCI, Time-Warner, Media One, and Comcast cable systems. Advertising purchased through Adnex-Detroit is simulcast into one million southeastern Michigan homes.

Hindmarsh had been general manager of advertising for Media-One, formerly Continental Cable.

Detroit is the second site of a digital fiberoptic network. National Cable Communications also owns and operates the interconnect in Chicago and is completing a third site in Washington D.C.

Hindmarsh resides in Grosse Pointe, with his wife, Jini. They have two children and one grandchild.

Military News

Maintenance Company has new commander

Captain Mike Merang of Freesoil, was appointed the new commander of the 1071st Maintenance Company, located in Grayling.

Merang replaces Captain Christopher Golnick who commanded the unit since June of 1994. The change of command ceremony was conducted by Lieutenant Colonel Steven Barner, commander of the 746 Maintenance Battalion headquartered in Jackson, during the January unit training assembly at the Mobilization and Training Equipment Site (MATES) in Grayling.

In addition, Captain Golnick received the Army Commendation Medal (ARCOM) during the ceremony. He received this award due to his high devotion to duty and superior knowledge of the many facets of maintenance, which not only raised the overall success and preparedness of the unit for its wartime mission, but inspired all of those with whom he worked.

Captain Golnick is being assigned to the 746 Battalion Headquarters as the maintenance control officer.

Captain Golnick is employed as the shop foreman at the MATES facility. He and his wife, Linda have three children, David, Sarah and Billy. Golnick is a graduate of Grayling High School and resides in Grayling.

Sgt. Lobsinger promoted

Eugene R. "Dick" Lobsinger, a member of the 1071st Maintenance Company, was promoted to Sergeant First Class by Captain Chris Golnick, unit Commander of the 1071st Maintenance Company. The promotion brings Lobsinger the responsibilities of section chief of the track vehicle maintenance platoon.

Sergeant First Class Lobsinger's performance exemplifies the high traditions of the Michigan National Guard, reflecting great credit upon himself, his unit, and the Michigan National Guard.

Sergeant First Class Lobsinger is employed as a federal technician at the Mobilization and Training Equipment Site (MATES) in Grayling.

He and his wife, Dixie Lee, have two children, Jeffrey and Melissa. Sergeant First Class Lobsinger is a graduate of Crawford AuSable High School and currently resides in Grayling.

Healthline

Linda DeMarchis, M.A., Health Educator

Q: It seems like all we do in the winter is watch TV. Are other families like ours? Is this why so many Americans are overweight?

According to the University of California at Berkeley Wellness Letter, on average Americans watch 25 to 40 hours of TV per week and the more TV they watch the more likely they are to be obese. However, it is hard to determine if television watching actually leads to obesity or if obese people simply watch more television rather than engage in hard-to-do exercises.

Some studies have seemed to suggest that prolonged TV watching can actually lower your resting metabolic rate. This means TV watching for overweight people is actually one of the worst activities in which they can engage, except for eating.

When researchers conducted a formal study to determine just how many calories are consumed while watching TV, it turned out to be 93 calories per hour, actually about the same as sitting and reading. This is not much more than lying motionless in bed, which burns 77 calories per hour. Another problem associated with TV viewing is the amount of junk food consumed while watching.

If television viewers gave up half an hour a day of TV for just a leisurely stroll, they would likely take off 3 to 5 pounds per year. If they combined television viewing with some other physical activity, like using an exercise bike or stair climber, the number of pounds lost could be significant.

To lessen the impact TV viewing has on your own family's weight, try these simple suggestions:

•Don't leave the TV on when there is really no suitable program. This only encourages you to sit down and start watching.

•Try to set limits on TV watching that the whole family can abide by, including children.

•Help children select from programs that are age appropriate and keep TV watching as a special treat for after homework, chores, playtime, etc. or does some other physical activity.

•Eating before the TV should involve low fat, low calorie snacks, such as fruits and vegetables or popcorn.

•Put exercise equipment in front of the TV set to encourage their use while watching.

•Learn some "armchair aerobics" to do while watching TV.

•Get up and exercise, or walk around during commercials.

Mercy seeking bids for grants

Grant applications are now being accepted for the Strategic Initiative for the Poor (SIP) Fund, sponsored by Mercy Health Services North.

The SIP Fund was established to meet the needs of the economically disadvantaged in northern Michigan. Grants are available to organizations which provide services to families and individuals in the communities served by Mercy. Programs targeted to women and children are of particular interest to the grant committee.

Already this year, SIP grants totaling $61,012 have been awarded to organizations meeting the needs of families and individuals in the communities served by Mercy.

Those awarded funds in the Grayling Mercy area include the Crawford County Habitat for Humanity, Roscommon County Habitat for Humanity, Parish Nursing Program, Crawford County Community Christian Help Center, Well Child Exam and Immunization Program, Diabetes Education, Healing Touch for Low Income Women, District Health Dept No. 1, and Transportation for Children with Medical-Psychiatric Services Needs.

Another round of SIP funds will be awarded in April 1988. Those interested in obtaining a grant application can call 517-348-0368.

NEWS 348-6811

Several from Grayling finish Hospice orientation training

Several Grayling area volunteers recently attended a Mercy Americare Hospice orientation training program.

Volunteers were trained in a variety of areas, including the history of Hospice and its services, communicating and listening skills, disease processes, therapeutic touch, bereavement support skills, equipment identification and operation, and safe transferring and positioning techniques.

Mercy Americare Hospice volunteers provide a variety of services to Hospice patients and their families, including respite, transportation and light chore services.

Mercy Americare Hospice will hold a special bereavement training program on March 26 for those interested in providing that service.

Information is available at the Americare office 1-800-424-1457, or 348-4383.



HOSPICE TRAINING -- Among Mercy Americare Hospice volunteers attending recent Hospice orientation training were (from lower left, around the table) Howard King, Maria Kozlowski, Ina Sedore, Patrick Hanafin, Joe Vanderhoof, Ray Osborne, Bob Streble, Betty Lindquist, Suzan Wanko and Amanda Rohn.

RANGE FIRING

Range firing will be conducted at Camp Grayling during the period of Feb. 19 through Feb. 25, 1998.

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Road 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Road 618, and west of County Road F97 (Twin Bridge Road).

For further information, call (517) 348-3603 or 1-800-628-5820.



GRAND OPENING -- The offical grand opening celebration for Riverland Gear was Feb. 6. those present during the ribbon cutting ceremony were: Back row L to R: Lynn Porritt-McConnell, Paula Edlund, Phil Dennett, Diane Thompkins, Jamie Greer, June Karjalainen and Tim Smith; Middle row L to R: Monte Burmeister, Bill Gannon, John Alef, Beth Holzman, Donna Schnoor and Patty Prosser; Front row L to R: Tim Zigila, Owners -- Heather Zigila, Ann Stephenson and Heidi Bagley (not pictured) and Dave Stephenson.

His children led Jack Pilon to seek School Board seat

by Shirley D. Schmoock
Special Writer

The Crawford AuSable School Board has appointed Jack Pilon of Grayling to fill a vacancy recently created by the resignation of Linda Franklin. Pilon will fill the last year of Franklin's term, then must run for election in June for a full 4-year term.

As a Forest Management Specialist for the state Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Pilon said he "keeps track of all land, all timber grown and all timber cut." He monitors which species are cut and which are considered at a surplus.

"We then bring those surplus species to the attention of companies that may be considering moving to Michigan," he said.

Pilon began his career in Forest Management in 1978, and was assigned to the office in Crystal Falls. Three of his four children were born there.

He said the primary reason he applied for the appointment is his four children, three of whom attend Crawford AuSable Schools.

"I'm interested in the education of my children and all children. Computer technology is at the core of the entire curriculum, and I'm impressed with the computer infrastructure we already have in place now," he said.

"But the students must learn the applications of computer technology as it will benefit them in the future, both for their jobs and in college. They need a good background in working with the computer software."

Pilon says his children all use their home computer for homework, "especially my 9th and 11th graders. They're also Internet users."

Pilon said students still need "the basics of grammar, sentence structure and how to form logical thought. They also need the basics for math and should be taught the longhand version of the problem, so they can use a calculator later to prove out the answers.

"Yes, kids must get the fundamentals."

Jack Pilon and his wife Ruth, an emergency nurse at Mercy Hospital, live on the AuSable Trail west of Grayling. They enjoy gardening and "just working around the house."

The couple have four children: Thomas in 5th grade, Joe in 9th grade, Crystal in 11th grade, and Becky, a freshman at Northern Michigan University.



NEWEST MEMBER—Jack Pilon (left) is the newest member of the Crawford AuSable School Board. He is greeted by Marilyn Rosi, board president, and Supt. Kent Reynolds. Photo by Shirley Schmoock.

Michael Delp, former Grayling teacher, to read his works here

Writer Michael Delp will read selections from his latest book, *The Coast of Nowhere*, and a new short story at Ray's Canoeing and Fly Factory on Friday, Feb. 27, at 7 p.m.

Delp, a poet, essayist and short story writer, has been an instructor of creative writing at Interlochen Arts Academy since 1984. From 1971 to 1984, he taught English, biology, alternative education and advanced studies at Grayling High School.

His works have been published in a wide variety of state, regional and national periodicals, including *Fly Fisher, Gray's Sporting Journal, Passages North, Playboy* and the *Southern Poetry Review*, as well as in the anthologies *Michigan Seasons* and *The Third Coast*. His essays on fly fishing and the river also appear periodically in the Patagonia catalog.

The Coast of Nowhere, which was the weekly Number One best seller in northern Michigan on two occasions since its publication in October, was recently nominated for the Patterson Prize, a national publishers award. The book will be on sale at the reading.

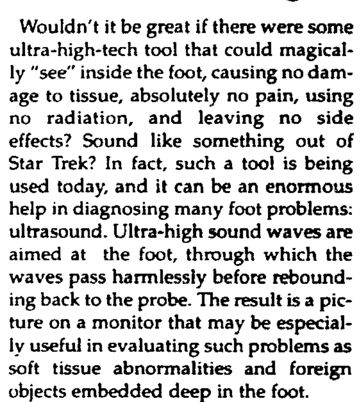
Delp's other major works include *Over the Graves of Horses* and *Under the Influence of Water*. All three volumes were published by Wayne State University Press.

Ray's AuSable Canoeing and Fly Factory is located at 200 Ingham, on the I-75 Business Loop at the AuSable River.



FOOT NOTES

by Ronald K. Olm, D.P.M.



Ultra-diagnosis

Wouldn't it be great if there were some ultra-high-tech tool that could magically "see" inside the foot, causing no damage to tissue, absolutely no pain, using no radiation, and leaving no side effects? Sound like something out of Star Trek? In fact, such a tool is being used today, and it can be an enormous help in diagnosing many foot problems: ultrasound. Ultra-high sound waves are aimed at the foot, through which the waves pass harmlessly before rebounding back to the probe. The result is a picture on a monitor that may be especially useful in evaluating such problems as soft tissue abnormalities and foreign objects embedded deep in the foot.

If you would like more information on ultrasound or other innovative technology now available in the practice of podiatry, or if you have other questions regarding the care and treatment of your feet, we invite you to call us at GRAND TRAVERSE FOOT & ANKLE CENTER, P.C., 922-9100 & 800-968-7440. Here at 1209 E. 8th Street, Traverse City, we are continually updating our education, skills, procedures, and equipment in order to better serve your needs. Offices in Traverse City, also Kalkaska Memorial Health Center Monday & Wednesday afternoons and evenings.

P.S. Ultrasound has also proven useful in diagnosing certain foot fractures that are otherwise difficult to detect.

Honors List

"A" Honor Roll
Ninth Grade
Cooper, George
Petrie, Joshua

"B" Average or Above
Ninth Grade
Abfalter, Jessica K.
Baynham, Nicholas
Boillard, Melissa
Burkett, Levi
Cadeau, Carrie
Collen, Jason
Corwin, Daniel
Cox, Brandon
Cummings, Joel T.
D'Amour, Michael
Dennett, Peter J.
Earls, Nicollette
Ellis, Miranda
Everson, Nathan
Fagan, Monique
Fisher, Angela
Gassman, Laura
Golnick, David
Gorski, Bradley R.
Gregorich, Derek
Harland, James
Harland, Jonathan C.
Helton, Matthew
Holzbauer, Jessica
Hunt, Rachel
Hunt, Rebecca
Jansen, Paul
Knepper, Nathalie
Langseth, Kyle
Lokovich, Lindsay D.
Maples, Kira
Marelich, Marcus G.
McNamara, John
Mead, Daniel
Meyer, Meghan
Miller, Nathaniel
Mills, Buffy A.
Myers, Joshua
Neuberger, Justin
Niederer, Heidi
Outman, Danielle
Peters, Christopher
Pratt, Michael
Ritter, Brandy
Rose, Jeffery
Roshy, Steve
Royston, Lance
Ruley, Kimberly T.
Saladine, Sonya
Salyers, Michelle
Schreiner, Max
Seifert, Gwen
St. Germain, Jillian
Stepp, Michelle
Thomas, Joyce
Todoroff, Maggie
Wakeley, Emily
Wheeling, Jennifer
Willette, Joshua A.
Wolcott, Arica

"A" Honor Roll
Tenth Grade
Black, Bethanie
Capuano, Joseph G.
Ferrigan, Jessica
Latusek, Michael
Ormsbee, Timothy
Pappas, Michael N.
Price, Amie
Stevenson, Amy

"B" Average or Above
Tenth Grade
Adloff, Dawn
Armstrong, Terah M.
Bale, Laura
Boreo, Jason
Casey, Ryan
Cragg, Matthew
Curtiss, Kimberly M.
Davis, Colby G.
Denewett, Derik
Doherty, Amy
Dunckley, Christi
Englund, Heidi
Evon, Matthew
Fortino, Amanda
Frankina, Adria
Fritz, Joseph
Haskel, Jonathan
Hawkins, David
Hellebuyck, Carolyn
Hellebuyck, Heidi
Hinkle, Nathan
Johnson, Sara A.
Jones, Sarah
Kenney, Sara
Ketchum, Michael A.
Knapp, Adam
Kosloski, Kimberly
Kustra, Monica
Legg, Teresa J.
Lehto, Amy E.
Lewis, Brandi
Love, Amanda
Madsen, Kane
Makowski, Nick
McClain, Brandi
McClanahan, Danielle
McGuire, Sarah
Minshall, Jennifer P.
Mitchell, Matthew
Moore, Samuel
Nickert, Nicholas
Papendick, Cheryl
Pavey, Carter
Paxton, Melanie J.
Porter, Lindsay
Ruark, Tiffany
Ryther, Jillian
Savoy, Krystal A.
Schoen, Allison
Scott, Erin
Stephenson, Michelle
Sumner, Mika
Tobin, Elijah
Trudgeon, Darci
Trudgeon, Raymond
Vollmer, Marianne
Wilson, Kelly
Wirtjes, Justin
Wyman, Karen
Wyman, Katherine
Wyman, Nicole R.

"A" Honor Roll
Eleventh Grade
Autem, Sara A.
Colby, Shane
Gaffke, Ryan T.
Kent, Natalie
Moore, Jonathan
Strelchuk, Joseph
Voelker, Lindsey

"B" Average or Above
Eleventh Grade
Anderson, Jamie L.
Anglebrandt, Shannon L.
Ashton, Dana E.
Bassett, Sara A.
Bazzett, Krystan L.
Beckett, Travis
Becks, Jessica
Blaauw, Brie
Black, Brett
Bobenmoyer, Mary E.
Dasho, Jason
Dobry, Mary
French, Jenny
Ginther, Brooke
Hartman, Kimberly
Huber, Travis C.
Huckabay, Daniel E.
Hunter, Colin G.
Jansen, Kevin
Jones, James L.
Jones, Jeremy
Lamb, Jerimiah W.
Lockwood, Allison
Maples, Kyle
McIntrye, Johnathan V.
Medler, Jared
Millikin, Jeremey
Murray, Michelle
Olson, Katie L.
Pearl, Travis
Peterson, Aaron
Pettyjohn, Allison
Pilon, Crystal
Plutko, Brandy
Potter, Jason
Prause, Tracie L.
Ritter, Bradley
Ross, Heather
Sirrine, Maryann E.
Starks, David
Thompson, Eric
Trudgeon, Amanda
Weaver, Emily K.
Wichert, Stephanie
Wilder, Dara
Zelek, Jean

"A" Honor Roll
Twelfth Grade
Elsner, Gordon
Green, Melanie
Jaskiewicz, Shawnna M.
McGuire, Jamie R.
Ostwald, Melissa
Smith, Erin
Strohpaul, Nicole

"B" Average or Above
Twelfth Grade
Alef, Krista S.
Bale, Daniel
Breitruck, Tina
Cadeau, Kristina L.
Cooper, Jennifer
Craigie, Nicole
Dale, Colleen S.
Davis, James H.
Everson, Heidi
Farmer, Annie J.
Fleischmann, Deanna C.
Fritz, Katherine
Galvani, Liberty J.
Gingerick, Mark
Godlewski, Amy
Kenney, Christina
Kiefer, Kelly
Lawe, Robert
Lemke, Krista M.
Martella, Amy
McClain, Aaron M.
McClain, Danielle
Millikin, Samantha
Mowrer (Hannum), Jesse M.
Nettleton, Morris
Papendick, Shannon
Ramaswamy, Ravi
Robertson, Todd E.
Robinson, Calvin E.
Rogers, Nicole R.
Ruark, Crystal
Stenschke, Florian T.
Sylvester, Susan
Tinker, Karie

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Acting Up Theatre Company plans project for schools

Acting Up Theater Company, the resident theater company at Kirtland Community College, was recently commissioned by C.O.O.R. to create two 20-30 minute historical play scripts celebrating Michigan's cultural and environmental assets.

Over the course of 10 weeks, the company will provide in-school, week long theater performance residencies for second and fourth graders from the 12 C.O.O.R area elementary schools. Each week of residency activities will culminate in a school day performance by the students for their peers. This project is the product of a collaboration between area elementary school principals and C.O.O.R.

Residencies and performances are scheduled to take place this spring from March 16 through May 30, with no activities taking place over the Easter holiday. An exact itinerary will be announced shortly.

"This is a tremendous opportunity for area elementary school students to integrate curriculum with the creative process," says Kurt Thoma, Producing/Artistic Director of Acting Up. "This project will build self esteem while educating, entertaining and teaching the importance of teamwork. Each student will walk away with a deeper understanding and appreciation of Michigan's diverse heritage and a sense of accomplishment, of being able to say, 'I did that!'"

Acting Up is looking for a qualified teaching artist to work on this project Fulltime commitment is Monday, March 2 through Friday, May 30. This is a salaried position for the duration of the contract. Applicants must be good with children, organized, self motivated, responsible and willing to do basic carpentry. Reliable transportation is required Theatrical experience is preferred, but not required. Interested applicants should send a resume and letter of intent no later than Feb.20 to Acting Up 107 East Dr. Grayling. MI 49738, including daytime and evening phone numbers.



NEW BRANCH -- Community Federal Credit Union has opened its newest branch office in Gaylord. Present for the ribbon cutting were (from left) James Cantrell, Federal president; Forrest Struss of Grayling, assistant vice president; Norm Brecheisen, mayor of Gaylord; and Richard Shay, executive vice president.

Panel will discuss ways to plan for the time when life will end

St. Mary's Health Ministry will present a program for the Grayling Community to assist individuals in planning for the end of life which includes the aspects of formulating and making your next of kin aware of your wishes regarding advanced directives, funeral and burial.

Sister Rosemary Mulcahy, OSM. will lead the discussion regarding *Advanced Directives*. This is the process through which an individual may direct next of kin to guide a physician to the individual's wishes regarding medical care at the last stages of life. Sister Rosemary is currently the Chaplain at Grayling Mercy Hospital and a member of the Hospital's Ethics Committee.

Derek McEvers, owner of Sorenson's Funeral Home, will discuss *Funeral and Burial*. Pre-planning for funeral and burial and communicating these plans to loved ones can alleviate much anguish during the stressful time of death and grief.

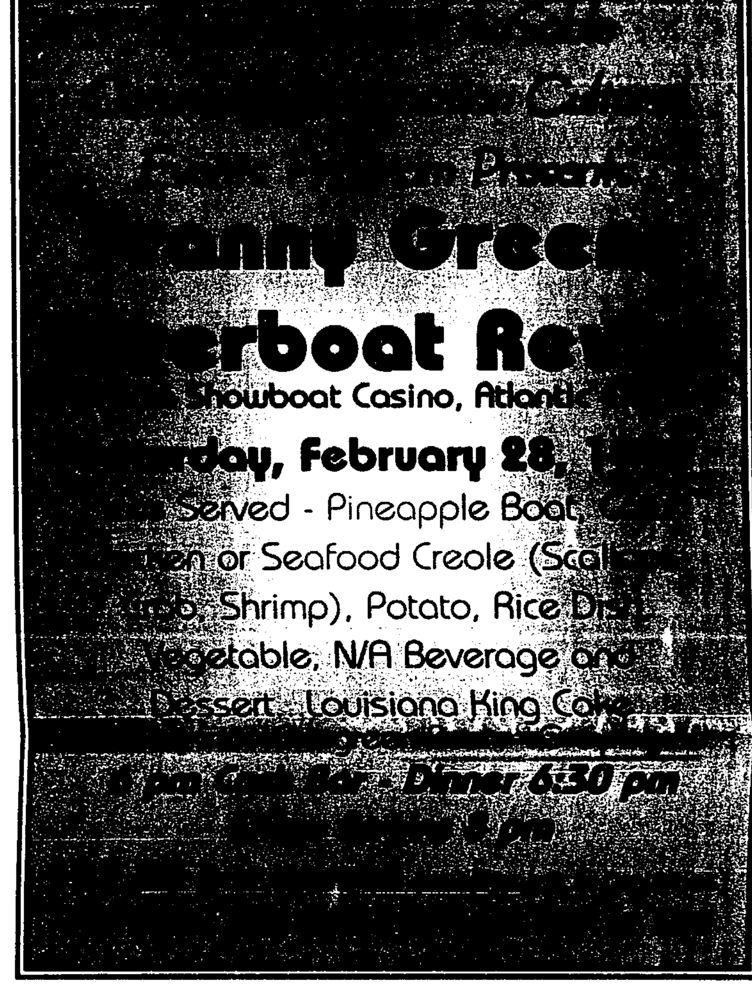
Fr. Robert Nalley, pastor of St. Mary's, will address the Catholic Christian perspectives relating to the process of *Planning for the End of Life*.

A speakers' panel will address questions and concerns from the audience at the end of the program.

The program will be held Sunday, Feb. 22, from 2 - 3:30 p.m., in the Family Center at St. Mary's. Admission is free and all interested parties are invited to attend.



WMU GRADUATE — Stacy Lynn Straw graduated from Western Michigan University in December. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree, after earning a major in English and a minor in history. She plans to work for a publishing company, editing manuscripts for potential authors. She hopes to write and illustrate her own books in the future. Stacy is the daughter of Robert and Susan Straw, and the sister of Trish Straw. She was a 1993 graduate of Grayling High School. Stacy is shown above with her father.



OBITUARIES

Donald J. Ashton

Donald J. Ashton, 66, of Grayling, passed away Feb. 10, 1998 at his residence.

He was born in Muskegon, Mich. to Kenneth and Dorothy (Buddy) Ashton on Jan. 6, 1932.

Mr. Ashton, a former Grayling resident, moved back to the area twelve years ago from Tucson, Ariz. He was employed as a manager in the retail sales industry and sometimes managed departments in stores, and sometimes managed the complete store.

He is survived by his five sons: Donald Ashton of Alaska, David Ashton of Grayling, Scott Ashton of Grayling, Jeff Ashton of Grayling and Shannon Ashton of Saginaw; daughter, Monica Brandi of Saginaw; three brothers: Larry Ashton of Grayling, Brian Ashton of Grayling and Reggie Ashton of Las Vegas; and several grandchildren.

Mr. Ashton was preceded in death by his parents, Kenneth and Dorothy (Buddy) Ashton; brothers, Dick and Darrell; and sisters, Phyllis Holzman and Lois Bennett.

Memorial Services was held Feb. 15, 1998, at 2 p.m. at Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel with Elder Patricia Fowler officiating.

In Memory Of

To the Grayling community:

Candy and I wish to honor the memory of her father and our friend, Dr. B.E. Henig who died last Sunday, February 8th. Although a transplant from Detroit, Dr. Henig considered Grayling his home, and the community his family. He loved medicine and cared deeply about each of his patients and friends. Compassion, humor, optimism, and judicious medical skill and counsel was his hallmark during his practice. If Dr. Henig had any regrets, it was that his health limited his ability to continue doctoring his "family" beyond his 34 years.

For Candy and me, as well as many others, Dr. Henig taught us that life should be lived in the present - one day at a time, that service to mankind is an honor, that we have a duty to do our best, and that our world has much joy and wonder to appreciate - from a good day on the river to a healed body. We celebrate his spirit, for he was much more than a "good Samaritan."

Mike Monroe and
Candance Henig-Monroe,
Eagle, Mich.

Taxpayer guide now available

Sen. George McManus (R-Traverse City) has announced that copies of the 1997 Michigan Taxpayer's Guide are now available.

Copies may be obtained by calling Senator McManus' office at (517) 373-1725, by making an e-mail request (SenGMcManus@senate.state.mi.us), or writing to Sen. George McManus, P.O. Box 30036, Lansing, MI 48909-7536.

The guide is a handy reference containing the latest information on homestead property tax credits, farmland and open space relief, the home heating credit program, filing property taxes, the Michigan income tax, the single business tax, and other tax-related subjects.

Theresa B. Thomson

Theresa B. Thomson, 96, of Grayling, passed away Feb. 11, 1998, at Mercy Manor, Grayling.

She was born Oct. 10, 1901, to Antonio and Erina (Micheletti) Federighi in Franklin Mine, Mich.

Mrs. Thomson was a former resident of Hancock, Mich. She was a part-time resident of Grayling for the past 20 years and a full-time resident for the past three years. She was a homemaker and a house-mother at Marquette University in Milwaukee before retiring.

She is survived by her three daughters: Jean and Ed Wealton of Whitefish Bay, Wisc., Barbara and Joseph Gemignani of Whitefish Bay, Wisc., Mary Margaret Wollney of Bay City; two sons: John and Theresa Thomson of Grosse Pointe Park, Mich. and Paul and Donna Thomson of Grayling; brother, John Federighi of Hancock; sister, Mary Lucchesi of Hancock; 25 grandchildren and 53 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Thomson was preceded in death by her husband, Harry Thomson in 1945; sister, Pauline MacLean; brothers: Emile J. Federighi, Sebastian Federighi, and Donimic Federighi; parents, Antonia and Enrina (Micheletti) Federighi; and three grandchildren.

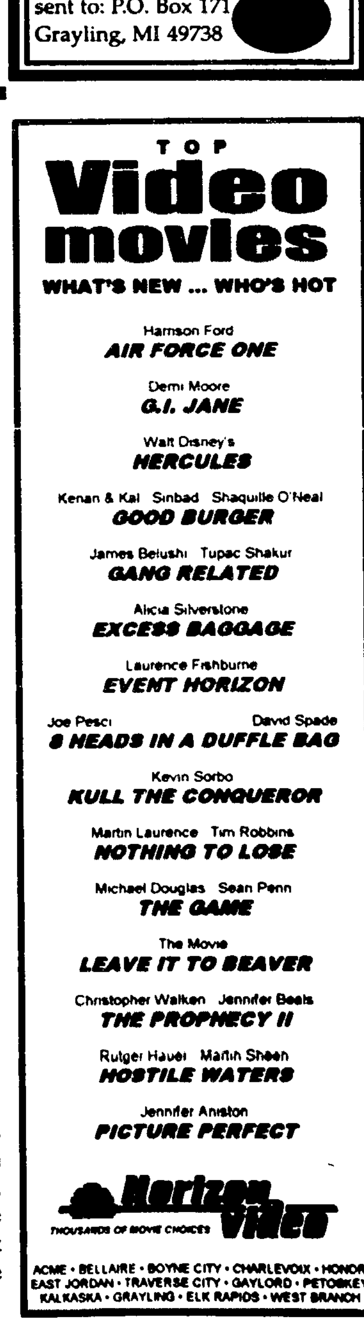
Mass of Christian Burial was held Feb. 14, 1998 at 10 a.m. at the Church of the Resurrection, Houghton Lake, Mich., with Rev. Wayne Marcotte officiating. Burial will be in Forest Hill Cemetery, Houghton Lake in the spring.

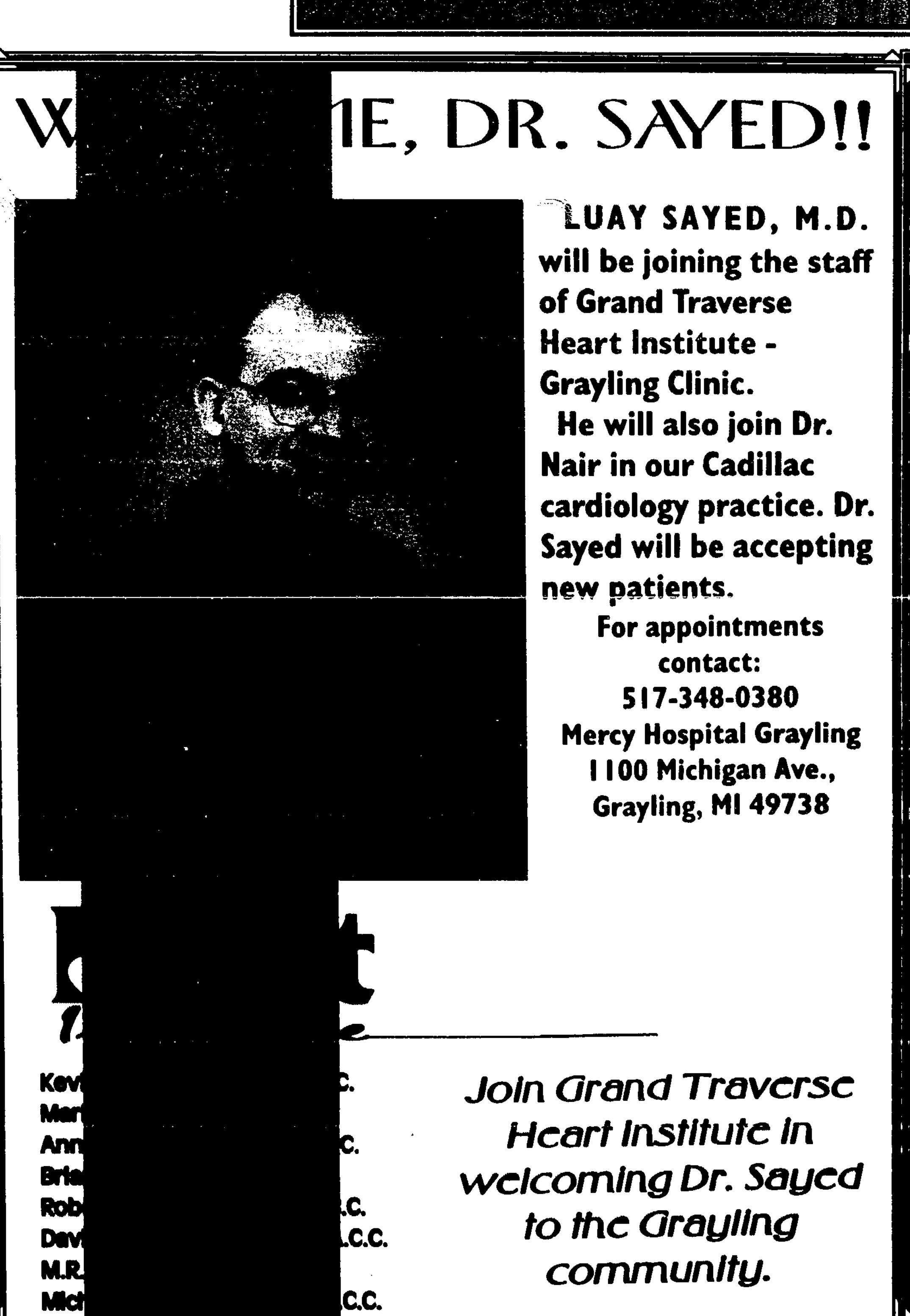
United Way 1997
Goal - $80,000

The Crawford County United Way has set its goal for 1997 at $80,000.

Donations may be sent to: P.O. Box 171, Grayling, MI 49738

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GIFT BICYCLE — Grayling Rotary Club has supplied funds for a bicycle to be raffled in May at Frederic Elementary School. Shown above: Patty Patterson, Lucus Pippin, Matthew Haight, Rotarian Keith Hough with the check, Katie Baynham and Brent Gabriel. Winner will be some lucky student who has practiced proper social skills. Photo by Melvin Nunn.

Huge law suit targets county, juvenile officer, ex-employee

Crawford County, its juvenile court officer and a former employee are the targets of a multi-million dollar damage suit filed late last year in Federal District Court in Grand Rapids.

The suit was filed by attorneys on behalf of a former inmate at Camp Shawono, a state-operated juvenile correction facility near Graying, charging he was sexually abused by the former employee.

In addition to the county, specifically named in the suit are Thomas Haskel, juvenile officer in the Crawford Probate Court, and Mary Gwilt, who worked for the county from time to time on part time, full time or contractural basis..

The incidents which triggered the suit are alleged to have occurred in 1994 and 1995, when the Shawono inmate was 15 years old. He was then a resident of Crawford County, and now lives in Florida with his family.

After plea bargaining, in 1996 Gwilt had pleaded guilty in Crawford Circuit Court to attempted third degree criminal conduct, served 10 months of a one-year sentence, and now lives and works in Grand Ledge.

The suit for damages cites Gwilt's conduct with the youth and claims Haskel failed to exercise proper supervision. The complaint seeks $1 million from the county, $1 million from Haskel, and $1 million for each of two claims against Gwilt — plus $500,000 in exemplary damages each time and other costs.

The suit first was filed in the Grand Rapids court in July 1997 and amended in August 1997. The defendants' response was filed in November.

Houghton Lake man faces court in shooting incident

A Harrison man was hospitalized and a Houghton Lake man went to court as result of an incident near Houghton Lake on Feb. 7.

Anthony Carter, 23, of Harrison, was taken to Grayling Mercy Hospital with gunshot wounds. His condition last week was listed as stable.

Robert Luizzo, 27, of Houghton Lake, was arraigned Feb. 12 in Roscommon District Court on charges of attempted involuntary manslaughter, which is a five-year felony. He demanded preliminary hearing, and was released on $10,000 personal recognizance bond.

The hearing was set for March 4.

According to Lt. Jim Mueller, commander of the Houghton Lake post of Michigan State Police, which investigated the incident, here's what happened:

At about 12:10 a.m. on Feb. 7, a pickup truck driven by David Mathews, 33, of Harrison, with Carter as a passenger, pulled into the parking lot of West Shore Parts and Service on West Shore Dr., in Houghton Lake, Mueller said.

Mathews got out of the truck and went across the street toward a snowmobile trailer, the officer said. Carter remained in the truck.

Luizzo, an employee of the business who lives nearby, reported he saw the pickup truck with its lights off, and saw the driver cross the street toward the snowmobile trailer, Mueller said.

Carrying a semi-automatic assault rifle, Luizzo ordered the man to stop, said he was armed, and that he had called the police and they were on their way, Mueller said. To emphasize his demands, Luizzo fired a shot into the ground, Mueller said.

Instead, Mathews jumped back into the truck and sped away, with Luizzo firing several shots at the fleeing vehicle, Mueller said.

One of the shots apparently struck Carter, the passenger, and Mathews transported him to Grayling Mercy Hospital, where he underwent five hours of surgery, Mueller said.

Mueller said neither Mathews nor Carter faced charges.

Senior Citizen News

by Jan Farley

Special thought for the week: Life is like basketball... Take a shot or dribble it away; And sometimes playing a tune is a little easier than facing the music!

We would like to take this opportunity to extend our most heartfelt thanks to the people that are responsible for our refurbished pool table. They are: Arvy, Bill, Wayne, Jim and patrons of the Plaza Bar in Grayling. The pool players are so happy with the new surface and cushions; it is just beautiful! Again, thank you all so much for you kindness.

If any senior still needs help on filing their taxes, please call the Center and make an appoinment for the 24th of February, 9 to 4.

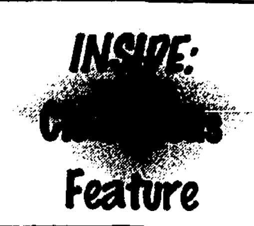
Happenings at the Center and announcements of things to come: Pantry Bingo every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m.; COA Board meeting on the 18th; Casino trip on the 19th; Legal help on the 20th and Sunday Potluck on the 22nd at 2 p.m. - bring a dish to pass and your own tableware. Dance with Tina on the 24th at 12:30; Foot Clinic, by appointment on the 25th; BP's taken on the 26th from 11 to noon; and Share pick-up from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at the Latter Day Saints Church on N. Down River Rd.

Congregate meals are served at noon and 5 p.m. Monday thru Thursday and at noon only on Friday. Fruit and vegetable salad bar on Tuesday; Soup served on Monday and Wednesday and bread, juice and milk offered each meal. Please try to make a reservation if you can by calling 348-7123. Menus are subject to change without notice.

Lunch/Dinner:
February
18 - Creamed Chicken & Biscuits / Ham Cordon Bleu
19 - Pork Steak / Turkey Birds
20 - Roast Chicken / no dinner
23 - Goulash / Pepper Steak
24 - Chicken Cacciatori / Meatloaf
25 - Turkey & Stuffing / Corned Beef & Cabbage
26 - Ham Steak / Salisbury Steak
27 - Bratwurst & Kraut / no dinner



NOTES NORTHERN



March 26 date set for opening

It's 'Showtime' for renovated Shoppenagon Hotel

by Shirley D. Schmoock
Special Writer

Amid the construction debris at the renovating Shoppenagon Hotel in downtown Grayling stands the new chef, Jeffrey Langer, painting shelves with everyone else in the building.

"March 26 is just not that far off," he says, a boyish grin making up most of his face, as he finds yet another place to slather on white paint. That's the target date for reopening.

Langer was born in Hope and he knows and loves "small town USA." With a Culinary Arts degree under his belt and ideas bursting out all over, he's ready to "set out a different menu every day. Our motto is to 'be on your toes', and we're excited about changing the taste buds of everybody in town."

An ethnic flavor will be added to the menus here and there, with "classical Italian, Lebanese, and Polynesian" being the chef's apparent favorites. "We want lots of glitz and glamour in our operation," he promised, that particular description echoing an earlier interview with owner, Susan Bateson of Grayling.

A Danish vegetable soup has been discovered and authenticated from old recipes, and Bateson said, "we expect to serve the original dishes offered when the hotel opened in May of 1916 on our public opening night. We plan to publish the menu in *The Avalanche* so everyone will see what was served on May 4."

Bateson said she's been working through the granddaughter of Isobel and Tom Cassidy, Monica Hewitt Fulvio, of Springfield, Pa., to gain additional information on the historic significance of the hotel's buildings. The Cassidys were the owners of the hotel and its Annex in the 1920s, and the family ran it into the late 1930s.

Photographs of the old hotel show a two-storied clapboard house Annex with canopies over the windows, used to accommodate the overflow of hotel guests. The parking lot behind the current Shoppenagon Hotel is the site of that Annex and what "Gram" Cassidy always called "the Annex Garden."

Early photographs also show the beautiful landscaped murals done by "Painter Jansen," which were discovered hidden beneath layers of paint and behind the modernization job of the 1960s.

Chef Langer said he is personally "glad to be associated with so much history." He said the new formal dining room — now waiting for its carpeting — will seat 250, and be called Eagle's Landing. The second dining room, which will also seat 250 persons, will be named the Dream Catcher. Judy Woodland of Grayling is designing special panels made of stained glass for the street entrance to the lobby area.

The Shoppenagon's new chef has designed the completely modern, rehabilitated kitchen at the hotel, and "we'll be rounding third base on getting it all back together this week," he said.

Langer formerly served as Executive Chef for three high-volume restaurants in Rochester. He apprenticed as Sous Chef for Hilton Hotels and was Executive Chef for the Sugar Springs County Club in Gladwin before the position with the Shoppenagon.

Co-owner Susan Hayes Bateson also brings a great deal of family history to the hotel. Her grandmother, Nora, and grandfather, Dr. Claude Keyport, a surgeon and founder of the Keyport Clinic, came to Grayling in 1910.

Susan's mother, Jayne, was born in Grayling, and Bateson herself raised four children in Grayling: Jonathan, Michelle, and Brandy will be working with her at the hotel, while a fourth son, Jeffrey is a nurse in Midland.

Bateson's father, Robert Hayes, owned the Hayes Oil Company, a service station formerly located on the site of the Grayling Ford Truck lot. He later was manager of the Chamber of Commerce, and her mother worked for the Michigan Licensing Department and kept books for the Hayes oil business. The small white frame building currently housing the military display behind the Crawford County Museum was her father's office building when he was with the Chamber.

As Bateson continues to rifle through the mountain of paperwork on her desk, she surfaces with yet another set of photographs. "This," she points at the Cassidy Bakery — dated from 1916, "is also my building now." This bakery is where her mother now lives at 306 North James.

The Greater Grayling Area Chamber of Commerce will provide the first customers at the newly-renovated and restored hotel on March 26, when Mercy Hospital will sponsor the Chamber's "Business After Hours" from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Bateson said "we hope to have the building opened to the public before that."

And the upstairs for overnight guests? "Not much before the first of June. We've a lot of details to attend up there — papering, carpeting and a lot of painting."

Chef Langer wants to "bring my creativity to the people of this town. I want to do ice carvings, have a terrific Friday fish fry and — I'm trying to talk Susan into letting me do a Sunday champagne and jazz brunch."

READY FOR ACTION -- New Chef Jeffrey Langer will be ready for kitchen action when the renovated Shoppenagon Hotel opens next month. Photo by Shirley Schmoock.



HOTEL ANNEX -- Isobel Cassidy, shown with grandchildren Monica and Phyllis Hewitt, in front of the old Annex at Shoppenagon Hotel, in about 1922.

Third, Fourth and Fifth Graders speak out

Elementary essays honor Martin Luther King

(In honor of Martin Luther. King's birthday and in cooperation with the school's social skills program, the Grayling Elementary Student Council held a schoolwide essay contest in January. The topic was "Justice and Kindness." First, second, and third winners were selected at each grade level. Here are the winning essays.)



WINNING WRITERS -- Martin Luther King essayists are: Top, from left: Justin Robinson, Kelly Dunckley, Anna Lepsy. Middle row: Chelsea Papendick, Kara Longendyke, Austin Robinson. Lower row: Heather Paterson, Billy Weaver, Theresa Gammon. Photo by Linda Golnick.

THIRD GRADE:

FIRST PLACE: Heather Paterson

Everybody needs kindness. Kindness means peace. Peace means quiet, calmness, and nonviolence. Long ago people took black people for slaves, instead they should have been more kind. Just imagine if we had no rules. Everything would be a disaster. I will tell you what I think kindness means to me. Peaceful, not violent and helping people when they need it. That is what I think kindness means.

SECOND PLACE: Billy Weaver

One time I went sledding down a hill. I hit a car and my cousin, Erich, helped me out from under the car. He went and told my mom and my dad. He said, "Are you all right?"

I said, "Thank you for helping me." I like kindness.

THIRD PLACE: Theresa Gammon

Treat others the way you would like to be treated. I would try to be a friend to others.

I would be considerate to others feelings. I'd like to invite a friend over to my house.

I think I would feel great treating others in this way. I would hope they would feel the same, too.

FOURTH GRADE:

FIRST PLACE: Kara Longendyke

I think it is so important for people to stand up for justice because this earth would have people doing the wrong things. People should treat everyone fairly. Nobody is better than anyone else; Everyone is created equal. If you see a person out on recess who doesn't have any friends, maybe ask them if they wanted to play with you. Or if their feeling sad, cheer them up. Make them feel good with special comments. My friends and family have been very kind to me. Friends encouraged me to reach for my goals. My family gives me food and shelter. My teacher helps me by learning things When I am at home my sister lies to me. When something serious happens and my sister doesn't want to tell, I tell my mom because somebody has to do something about the problem. Treat others the way you would like to be treated.

SECOND PLACE: Austin Andrus

I think it's important to have Justice because if we didn't have it, this world would be miserable. It would have lots of mean people. We need justice so we can be happy. Without freedom all your friends might turn into bullies. We need freedom or black people like Martin Luther King, Jr. would still be slaves We don't need slaves anymore, we've got machines. It would be like making people work for no reason.

Justice is life, without it our world would come to an end. I mean come to an end because justice is freedom. We'd be working all day long;.Justice has it's needs. One need is money, without freedom people would be taking things for free. Another is school, without freedom there's no school, and we need school to learn. Justice is so important to our lives. Justice can be the best thing because it makes all people equal. Without justice people would think they could steal. That's why I think justice is so important!

THIRD PLACE: Chelsea Papendick

Kindness goes a long way with friends. Today I let a lonely looking giff sitting by herself join my friends and me for lunch. I felt sorrowful for her because she looked so depressed all by herself. She was shocked that I said that she could play and could sit with us. Then she played at recess with us. We all became really good friends. She always understood how we felt. We play with her at recess. I felt bad because her other friends were being malicious. She will always understand how we feel and we will always understand how she feels.

FIFTH GRADE:

FIRST PLACE: Anna Lepsy

A big injustice of the world is abortion. They say murder is a crime, so why is abortion legal? If the mother is going to die if she has the baby then let her die. Why do I say this? Because she's lived her life, now let the baby live its own. It's not the baby's fault so why should it pay the price?

If I were president, I would pass a law that abortion is illegal. Many people fight against abortion, but nothing happens. When I'm older, I will do my best to stop it. Justice must prevail!

SECOND PLACE: Justin Robinson

Standing up for justice is not easy. I wish I would have stood up for Tom in soccer a few months ago, but I was chicken. I could tell he was sad. There was a sad look in his eyes. The other kids were calling him blubber. If I would have stood up for him I would have said, "He isn't blubber. Blubber isn't the right nickname for him. A better nickname for Tom would be great goalie, because he is good at it." That is what I wish I would have said.

THIRD PLACE: Kelly Dunckley

I think everybody deserves the right to live and worship freely. People under communist rule don't have the right to peak freely or protest. Some people in Eastern Europe were treated poorly or practically like slaves because of their ethnic backgrounds.

I feel I am very lucky to live in America because we have the right to speak freely and protest peacefully, even against our governments politics. As an American, I have many basic rights. Regardless of my skin color, gender, age, or my religious beliefs. Every American has the right to be treated equally, and be given the same chance of opportunity.

CRAWFORD COUNTY LIBRARY NEWS

by Tracie Compton

Christopher Knight, author of *St. Helena*, will be at the Crawford County Library March 9 at 1:30 p.m. Knight will have copies of his audio book for sale and to autograph.

Christopher Knight, born Christopher Wright, began his radio career here in Grayling at WQON in 1983. Within a year he had found his niche writing and producing radio commercials. Three years later he started at 106 KHQ where he worked for six years at the top-rated evening personality for almost six years. Chistopher moved on to Classic Rock GFM and built his own home studio. His commercial accounts grew to the point that he resigned his on-air position with WGFM to pursue his dream full-time.

Knight has written a fictional/mystery novel about a shipwreck in the Great Lakes. The book has caught the interest of *Thunder Bay Press*, is yet to be titled and will hit the bookstores by the summer of 1998.

St. Helena, an audio book, was inspired while driving across the Mackinac Bridge. The island is a few miles west of the bridge and has an abandoned light house which he thought would make a good premise for a ghost story.

After spending many hours researching the history of the island, the audio book was developed. *St. Helena* is considered a theatrical masterpiece complete with music and ambient effects which has received rave review from critics across the country.

Correction

In an article appearing in the Feb. 12 issue of The Avalanche, the mens' bowling team that won the City Tournament was misidentified. The Moore's Automotive team won the City Tournament and the team members were Al Angove, Phil Faustman, Rob Kehring, Carl Youst and Todd Kotrash.

Also, in the same article, the year in which the previous high series was bowled was miscalculated. The record stood for 25 years, not 35 years.

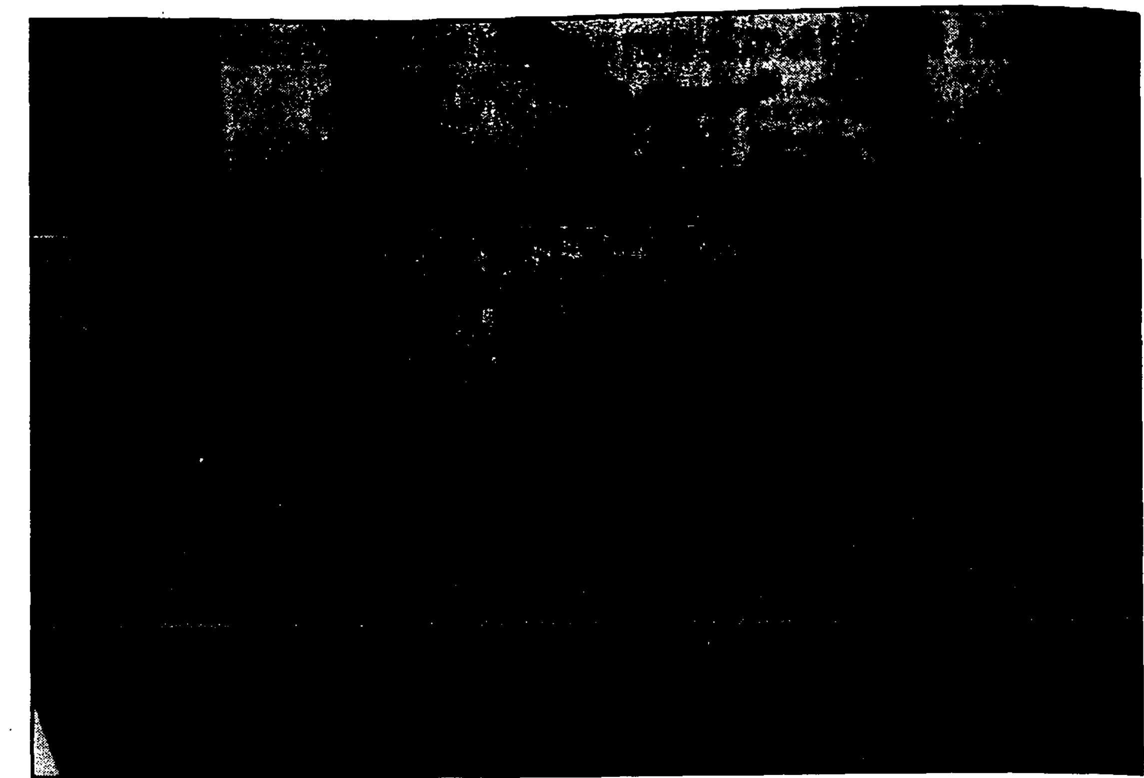
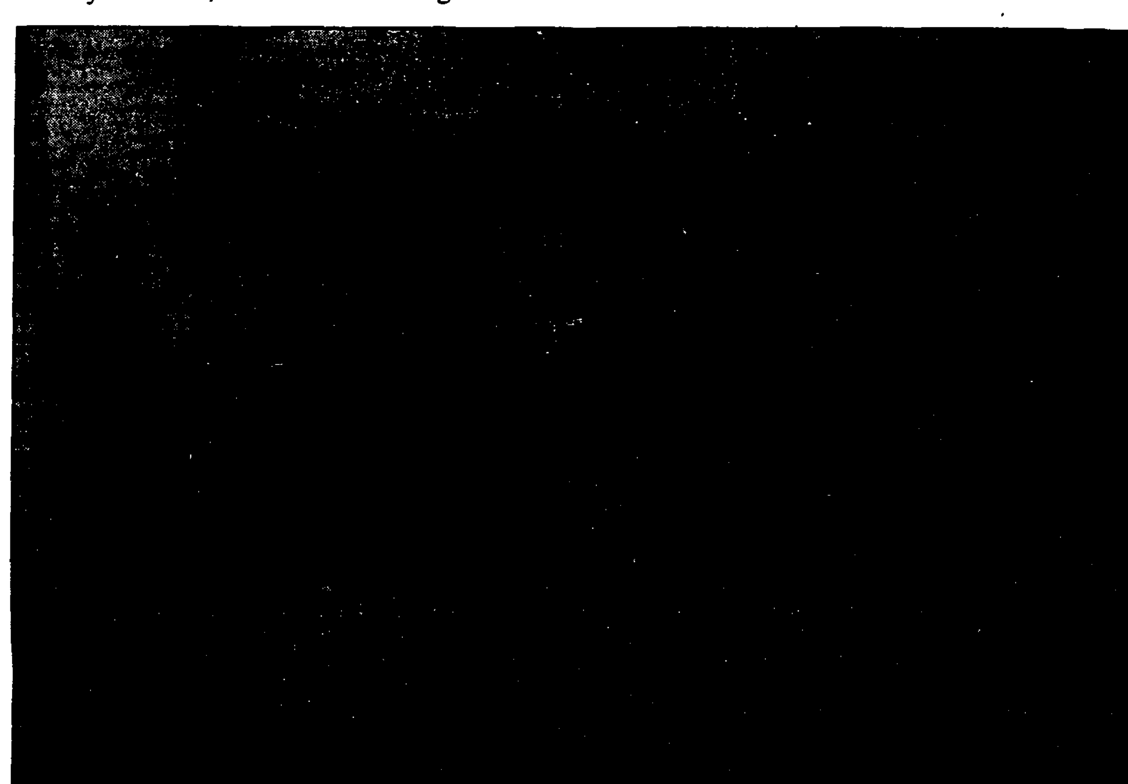


TABLE OF HONOR — To be selected to the weekly Table of Honor at Frederic Elementary School, a student must qualify in six areas: Keep hands and feet to yourself. Use quiet voices. Clean up after yourself. Walk, do not run, in the building. Do not throw anything in the building. Taking cuts and pushing in line are prohibited. These students in Grades 3, 4 and 5 are recent honorees. Top row, from left: Nicole Cassidy, Felicia Hohl, Amanda Newberry, Randi Richardson, J.B. Quintano, June Clark, Natasha Mulder, Billie Jo Perkins, Veronica Caid, Jessica Demoines. Center row: Ashley Bindschatel, Chelsea Newberry, Krystal Babbitt, Travis Webb, Katie Baynham, April Wheeler, David Gilliland, Darryl Leach. Front row: Rachel Gibbs, Ashley McLeod, Marriah Armstrong.



YOUNGER HONOREES — Because they met six pretty stiff requirements of the code of conduct (don't push or shove, be neat, walk don't run, quiet voices, etc.), these Frederic Elementary students in Kindergarten and Grades 1 and 2 were selected for the Table of Honor. Top row, from left: Cody Malone, Greer Leach, Shane Rollins, Ashley Pickett, Evie Clark, Mindy Ray, Chad Perkins, James Osga, Jessica Drogowski. Center row: Anthony Robinson, Alicia Stanley, Khrystal Patterson, Caleb Drogowski, Joni Binschatel, David Lawe, Ashley Newberry, Jacob Bissel. Front row: Rachel Wilson, Tracie VanderPutten, Timothy Paul West, Danielle Harwood, Laura Johnson, Chelsea Partello.

400 signatures returned so far on snowmobile trail petitions

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

The Grayling Chamber of Commerce and the AuSable Valley Snowmobile Association continues to seek signatures on a petition to create a new trail connector north of the City of Grayling.

Three hundred snow-related businesses received an information packet and a petition to circulate throughout the snow season.

So far, about 400 signatures have been gathered, with 304 of those were signed at the Riverside Tavern in Lovells. These totals are for petitions returned to the Chamber of Commerce as of Feb. 13.

Meetings between Lake States Railroad, owners of the tracks, and Michigan Department of Transportation could bring some agreements on insurance costs and maintenance of the tracks and crossing that the other parties involved can accept.

Chamber Director Lynn McConnell said that a meeting in Lansing, with all parties concerned, should take place within the next 30 to 45 days. State Rep. Allen Lowe (R) of Grayling has expressed interest in attending such a meeting.

Weather is very mild, but skiers carry on at Citizens race clinic

The sunny weather was fantastic both for the kids and skiing for Week Four of the Citizen's Bank free race clinic at Hanson Hills on Sunday. Race director John Alef said "the mild temperatures make me wonder if the snow will hold up for the rest of the clinic". The race clinic is scheduled to run for two more weeks.

Gracie Calkins finished first for the pre-school and kindergarten girls. Taylor Doremire finished second. In the boys group, Michael Olson continued his reign as the uncontested racer with a first place finish.

Rachel Doremire continued to hold the top spot for the first and second grade girls, Gabby Calkins worked her way into 2nd, Avery Diola placed 3rd, Jessica Riddle 4th. Brian Waterbury led the way in the first and second grade boys group. Spencer Dean finished 2nd.

Again this week Jill Seager put together the fastest run of the day for all girls and placed 1st in the third and fourth grade girls division. Kody Diola managed to move into 1st place for the third and fourth grade boys, Zach Dean was 2nd, Scot Olson 3rd, Andrew Hart 4th and first time racer Jimmy Hilbrecht was 5th.

In the fifth and sixth grade girls, Allyson Diola was able to put together some nice runs and went home with 1st place, Jodi Riddle moved into 2nd, Jennifer Stanton took 3rd, Nicole Doremire 4th and Beth Lucey 5th.

Matt Seager worked hard to move up to a 1st place finish in the fifth and sixth grade boys division, Joey Highlen was a close 2nd, Trevor Clough took 3rd, Joe Zelek 4", Patrick McInally 5th, Joe Lange 6th, Matt Waterbury 7th, Eric Olson took 8th (on his snowboard), Ryan Mech 9th, Travis Hatfield 10th, Ben Lucey 11th, and Matt Stewart 12th.

Andrea Alvarez led the seventh and eight grade girls. Nicole Mech was 2nd. Damian Fleischmann led the seventh and eighth grade boys, Ben McInally was 2nd, Eric Hart 3rd, and Aaron Waterbury 4th.

Stupak joins ethics panel

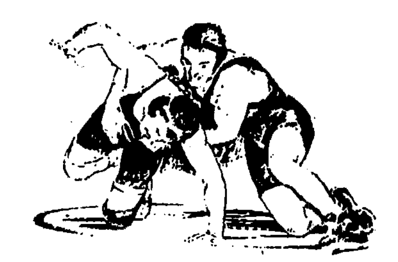
WASHINGTON — Minority Leader Richard Gephardt has named Rep. Bart Stupak (D-Menominee) to the small pool of congressmen who may be called on to investigate other members of the U.S. House for potential ethics violations.

Stupak joins nine other Democrats named by Gephardt and 10 Republicans named by House Speaker Newt Gingrich in the select pool that may be drawn on to assist the House Committee on Standards of Official Conduct in investigating ethics complaints.

A Michigan attorney, Stupak is also a former Michigan state trooper whose duties with the agency include conducting investigations of public officials.

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SPORTS



Grayling hosts Districts Saturday

Viking wrestlers place sixth in Conference

Grayling High School's varsity wrestling team traveled to Pinconning on Saturday (Feb. 14) for the Northeast Michigan Conference Championships. Nine schools met to step on the mats and determine which teams and individuals would place in the Conference.

Ogemaw Heights came on strong with a full team and took first place, and Grayling placed sixth.

Four Viking grapplers placed individually: First place at *152* pounds was Mark Hopkins; second place at 103 was Matt Evon.

Grayling had two third place finishes by Josh Niederer at 112, and Ben Malonen at 140.

Other Viking wrestlers who contributed to team points by winning matches were: Marianne Vollmer at 119, Mark Weaver at 145, Chris Peters at 171, Nick Baynham at 215 and Jason Dasho heavyweight.

Besides capturing first place, Hopkins attained his 100th victory when he beat Ogemaw Heights wrestler Levi Stamm in the championship round with a final score of 9-7.

Coach Don Ferguson said, "Hopkins did an excellent job. He wrestled good, hard, and rugged. It was a very exciting match and the crowd went wild."

Hopkins has racked up about 30 of his wins in high school meets in the United States; the rest he attained while attending school and wrestling in Japan.

So, what's next for the Viking wrestlers?

On Thursday (Feb. 19), the team will travel to Cheboygan for Team Districts, which consist of dual meets — school against school. The four teams meeting in Cheboygan will be Grayling, Cheboygan, Kalkaska and Benzie Central.

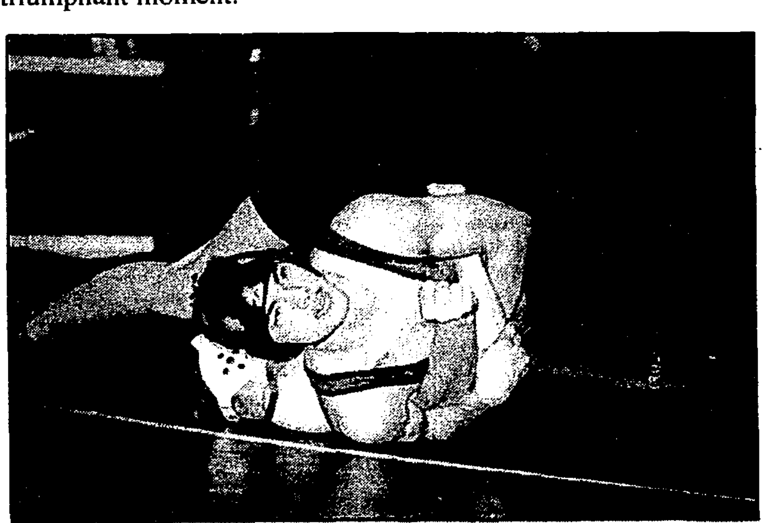
On Saturday (Feb. 21), Grayling High School will host the Individual Districts for 14 division three schools.

This should be a very exciting day when wrestlers will vie for a place in the top four of each weight class so that they can go to the next level; Individual Regionals.

The public is encouraged to attend and support this hard working team of dedicated wrestlers. Matches will begin at 10 a. m.



100 WINS -- Mark Hopkins (center) won a conference championship with his 100th high school win. Proud father and assistant coach, (left) and Don Ferguson, head coach, (right) share the triumphant moment.



PINNING HOLD -- Ben Malonen applied the double chicken wing, which led to a pin.

TURN OVER -- Josh Niederer uses an arm bar to turn his opponent.



NEVER LET HIM GO -- Matt Evon holds his opponent in a gripping head lock.

Eighth Grade White Team winds up great hoop year with 9 wins, 1 loss

by Alexis Sumner
Student Writer

A hour and a half a day, four days a week. The White Team Eighth Grade boys basketball players work hard. Running laps, down-and-backs, working on accurate shots, faster lay-ups, and more powerful plays. these boys hustle to be the best they can be.

It seems that the strategy of Coach Duane VanDrese paid off early in the season. All 12 members of the eighth grade boys White Team were excited with the season's early victories.

Even with the early victories, the team was plagued by injuries. Ryan Stahl, starting center, broke his ankle right before the beginning of the season and had to sit out the first three games. Justin Fenn, guard, broke his arm and had to sit out all but the first two games. T.J. Johnson, guard, stretched a tendon in his left knee and couldn't play in the two tournament games.

With the team's determination, they outscored their opponents 543 to 279, over the whole season. Brandon Gorr lead the team with 91 points, followed by Larry Baynham with 89 points, and Ryan Stahl with 83 points. Leading rebounders were Ryan Stahl with 59 rebounds, Larry Baynham with 55 rebounds, and Mike Eagen and Nate Frankina with 40 rebounds each. They finished the season with nine wins and one loss. Also they won both of their tournament games to win the championship.

The first tournament game was held in Roscommon on Feb. 11. Grayling beat Houghton Lake 50-33 putting them into the second round of competition. The second tournament game was also held in Roscommon, on Feb. 12. The White Team beat Roscommon 50-18 to be called the champs.

Grizzlies claim they'll stay put

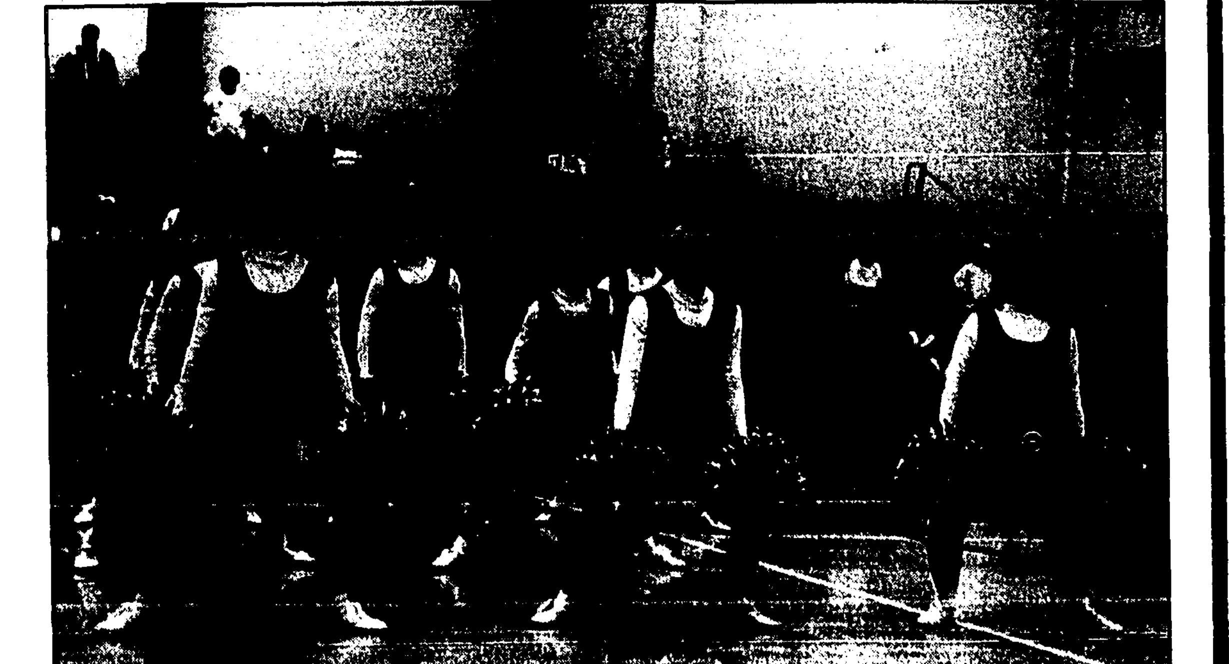
Representatives from the Gaylord Grizzlies and the Otsego County Sportsplex held a combined press conference on Feb. 10 at the Sportsplex to announce they'll stay put.

Grizzlies' management was concerned about rumors that the team was unhappy in Gaylord and considering a move, possibly to Traverse City.

Grizzlies' spokesman Tim Bennett, trying to squelch the rumors, said, "The team is committed to the Gaylord area and never intends to leave."

Bennett said that the team signed a three-year contract to play at the Otsego Sportsplex back in June 1997. Since the signing, the Grizzlies have been very involved in community activities and fund raisers, according to Bennett.

The Grizzlies' season ends April 5. The team has 16 more scheduled games, seven at home. Ticket prices are $6 and $5 for students and senior citizens.



BEAT IT! -- The Grayling High School Pom Pon Squad entertains basketball fans at half time of Viking home games. Here the team is shown with its routine based on Michael Jackson's famous "Beat It!" performance.

Battle for conference lead coming up

Vikings come from behind to edge Oscoda

by Dave Golnick
Student Writer

The Grayling Vikings Boys Varsity Basketball team recently defeated the Oscoda Owls 78-72, in a fourth quarter, come from behind struggle, making hometown Grayling fans very happy.

The Viking victory also helped set up a showdown between the two top teams in the Northeast Michigan Conference Friday night (Feb. 20) when the second place Vikings travel to Saginaw to take on first place Saginaw Valley Lutheran.

High scorers against Oscoda were Eli Tobin with 27, Nate Beckwith 19, Nate Hinkle 13, Brad Ritter 11 and Mike Ostwald with 6. Offensive rebounds were controlled by Brad Ritter who had 16 rebounds in the game — more than any player on either team.

Defensively, Travis Parkinson and Brad Ritter were noted for their great play. Parkinson had five steals and a defensive tip, while Ritter had four steals, two blocks, two defensive tips, and one jump ball.

The first quarter saw Oscoda take a quick lead and also shut down the Vikings' post game. However, when the Owls might have sealed a worthy lead by making easy shots from the blocks, they came up short and could not convert. This lack of play in the paint also led to their lack of rebounds.

The second quarter saw the Owls give up a few quick buckets early, although they would regain their lead at the end of the half. Also the Grayling defense finally started to step up and take it to the Oscoda ball handlers, creating many steals that led to easy points for the Vikings. A mid-quarter run let Oscoda back in the game, and they took back their 11 point lead, 45-34.

The third quarter was a tight contest, full of back and forth long offensive drives. Both defenses appeared tired, but as the quarter went on the Vikings seemed to find new strength as the home crowd became an important factor. The score at the end of the quarter was 57-52 Oscoda.

In the fourth quarter the game was balanced on a knife edge. The score was close all the way through this quick paced shoot out. In the end, however, clutch free-throws by the Vikings sealed the game and Grayling won 78-72.

Coach Rich Moffit had this to say about the victory: "We were fortunate to pull this one out. Hopefully, we will learn a lesson from this game."

Team Captain Nate Beckwith said: "We did not play good enough defense in the first three quarters, but we finally stepped up in the fourth quarter and dodged a bullet."

The Vikings' next game will be Friday, Feb. 20 at Saginaw Valley Lutheran, in a battle for first place in the conference.

NATE CONTEMPLATES -- Varsity player Nate Beckwith (with ball) attempts a drive as Eli Tobin awaits a return pass in a recent game against the Oscoda Owls.

Viking Jayvees put the crush on Owls from Oscoda 92-35

by Dave Golnick
Student Writer

The Grayling High Boys Junior Varsity basketball team recently (Feb. 10) swamped the Oscoda Owls 92-35.

Excellent post play by the Vikings was the key to the victory, as Joe Fritz and Brian McCurdy were able to outplay the Oscoda defenders in the post.

In the first quarter, Grayling got out to a good lead with excellent defensive play. The Vikings also were able to convert many of their steals into easy points, giving them a sizable lead going into the second quarter. The score was *32-10* at the quarter's end.

The second quarter was more of the same story as Oscoda was getting beaten in every aspect of the game. The Vikings also totally overran the Owls' post defenses, and easily scored from the blocks. The Viking lead continued to build, and they led 55-16 at the half.

The third quarter brought a change in the game. The Owls finally got on track offensively, although their defense was broken beyond repair. Also the Vikings' defense began to soften, waiting for the Owls to come to them and not attacking as they did in the first half.

During the fourth quarter, the Vikings tightened up again, and totally shut down any attempt by the Owls to get back in rhythm. Final score was 92-35.

The next JV game will be Friday, Feb. 20, away against the Saginaw Valley Lutheran Chargers.

Middle School Spirit Week will support Media Center

After two long weeks of testing, Grayling Middle School students are ready to celebrate with the upcoming Spirit Week activities scheduled for Feb. 20-27.

Students at GMS have completed the Michigan Educational Assessment Program Testing and are looking forward to celebrating their efforts.

"Sports" Is this year's theme for Spirit Week. The big week starts off with an all school assembly on Friday, Feb. 20th where students and staff will compete with and against each other in fun filled contests. Parents are welcome to come and watch. Along with Friday's assembly, a Hippy Day has been declared. Students will compete for "Best, Most Authentic Looking Hippy Award."

The week will be filled with activities that include Mr. and Miss Viking Competition, daily grade and Viking Time competitions, as well as door decorating contests. Grade levels earn points throughout the week for their enthusiasm and participation in the various events.

Another special event is the Activity Night for GMS students on Friday Feb. 27, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. During this event, students can play basketball, attend a dance, play board games, or eat pizza and ice cream in the food room. Admission is $3 and food is extra. All proceeds from this event will go to the Media Center Spirit Week fund.

The goal of Spirit Week is to continue to improve the Grayling Middle School Media Center. To do this, students ask for monetary donations which count as votes for the Mr. and Miss Viking competition. These donations are then used to purchase materials for student use. In the past, books, audio tapes, reference books and various other media materials have been purchased with Spirit Week moneys.

Again this year, parents are asked to donate to their child's media center experience by contributing a gift of any size to help continue to improve the quantity and quality of materials available for their children. By contributing, a donor becomes "A Friend to GMS Media Center" and their name appears on a roster in the Media Center.

A STRONG DEFENSE -- Jayvee members Brad Wilson and Dave Hawkins help spark a strong defense to bury Oscoda.

SINGING PATRIOTS — Members of the GHS Chamber Choir, as soloists, quartets and larger ensembles, have been performing the Star Spangled Banner for crowds at several high school basketball games this school year. Pictured, from left: Tricia Griesemer, Kelly Kiefer, Jessica Lobsinger, Carol Lownsberry, Steve Moon, Andy Henry, Jamie Myers, Joe Hughes, Heather Ross, Tiffany Ruark, Becky Baumgartner, Heidi Buchanan, Crystal Ruark and Lori Daniels. In the foreground, choir director, Karen Ross.

Soccer fans seek a hand to help sport

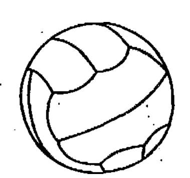
The Northern Michigan Soccer Alliance (NMSA) is starting the 1998 Spring soccer season. Last spring, in 1997, there were 83 teams from around Northern Michigan playing over 400 games.

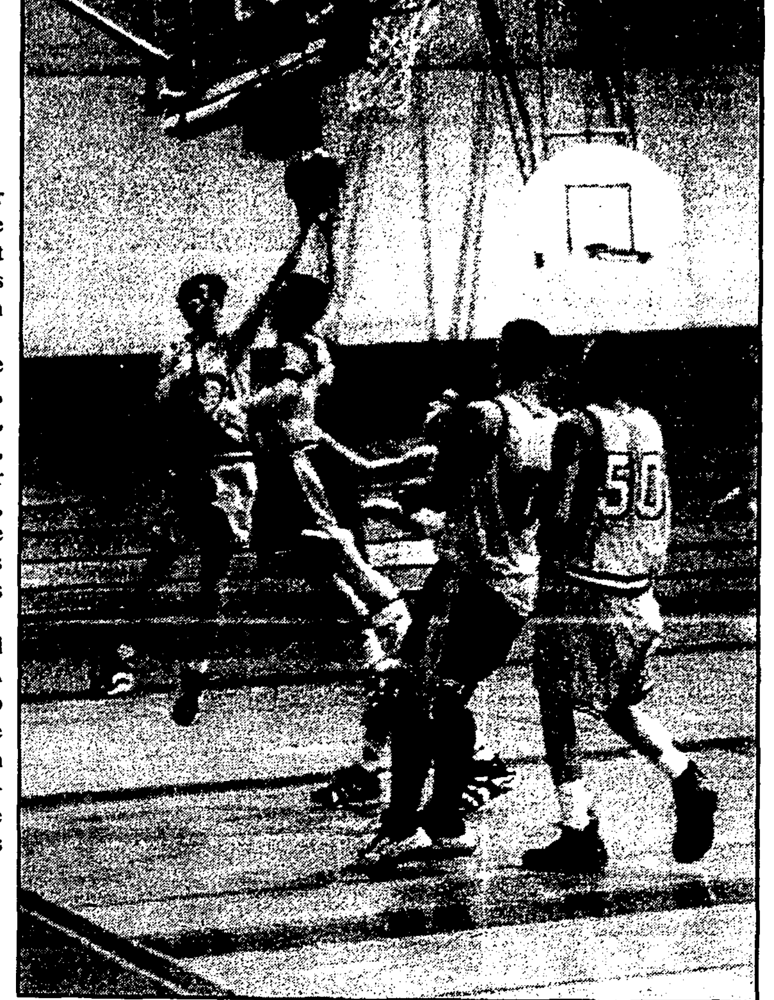
The soccer groups involved are from:Gaylord,Roscommon, Houghton Lake, Cadillac, Bellaire, Elk Rapids, Alpena, Tawas City, Indian River, Petoskey, Harbor Springs, Cheboygan, Suttons Bay, Traverse City, Manistee, Marquette and Sault Ste Marie. The age groups are under 11 to under 19 for boys and girls.

Grayling Soccer Association had traveling teams involved in NMSA from 1989 until 1995, when job changes prevented coaches Steve Langseth and Chuck Amman from continuing. The players who participated on the traveling teams then are on the Grayling High School Boys Varsity Soccer team now and are making a difference. There is a need for parents or other soccer enthusiasts, to step forward and restart the traveling teams in the NMSA this spring season. This is a competitive recreational league and Grayling will have to "pay their dues" to get competitive again, but it will be well worth the effort.

The 1998 Spring Season starts the weekend of April 25 and ends the weekend of May 30. The girls games are held on Saturdays and the boys games are Sundays. The games are always a doubleheader with two different teams and certified referees.

A commitment to NMSA for Grayling teams must be made by March 11. Those interested in coaching, helping organize, having a child play or just getting more information may contact Karen Langseth at 348 - 2019.





REBOUNDS ABOUND -- Max Schreiner goes up for the shot as Marcus Bobenmoyer and Justin Manier stand ready for a possible rebound.

Grayling players help U-16 boys' indoor soccer team

The N.M.C United U-16 Boy's Indoor Soccer Team participated in the second session at Just For Kicks Sports in Traverse City. The season started in December and ended in February. The team roster is made up of players from Gaylord, Central Lake, Traverse City and Grayling.

Indoor soccer is played in a hockey size enclosure with boards, glass, nets and padded turf The teams shoot at 8' X 14' nets and there are six players on the floor at a time including the goalkeeper. The game is very fast paced with many scoring opportunities. A score of 8-6 is typical for the indoor game.

United finished in 3rd place in a five-team division with a record of 5 wins and 3 losses. The team tallied 46 goals while allowing 37.

The Grayling players were instrumental to the team's success. Kyle Langseth led all scorers with 20 goals, and Josh Petrie was most important to the team for the defensive strength he provided.



SEASON OVER — The N.M.C. United U-16 Boy's Indoor Soccer Team finished up their season this month. Team members pictured here are, front row, left: Steve Janssens, Jon Lake, Noah Dawson, Dave Trombley, Nick Kraus, Jeff Wilson, and Coach Tony Wilson. Back row, from left: Andy Grafenauer, Brad Miller, Kyle Langseth and Josh Petrie of Grayling, and Steve Miller. Not pictured is Ryan Allen.

FOOTNOTES FROM THE HILLS

Grayling Recreation Authority News

by Cindy Olson

OPEN GYM - The Fred Bear Memorial Center Gym is open on Tuesdays for K-2nd grade and Thursdays for 3rd-6th grade, 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. and the cost is $2 per person.

NEW HOURS - Hanson Hills will be open for downhill skiing hours include Thursday and Friday 3 p.m.-8 p.m. with $5 rental and $5 lift tickets, Saturdays 11 a.m. - 8 p.m., and Sundays 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Our Cross Country ski trails are open 7 days a week. We groom every day but Monday. The Cross Country lodge will be open Thursday and Friday from 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. with $5 trail fee and $5 rental and Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

HORSE DRAWN SLEIGH RIDE - Every Saturday evening 4 p.m. - 7 p.m. $5 per person. 3 years and under no charge. Please call ahead for reservations.

INTERNET - Visit us at our new home page - www.hansonhills.org or E-mail us at hanhills@mich.com. You can check out all the happenings at Hanson Hills.

FACILITY RENTAL - Don't forget - We have facilities for your parties reunions and events. The gym is an excellent place for a Birthday Party or rainy day use at only $15 an hour. The main lodge is $175 per day. Please call 348-9266.

GROUP SALES - Does your group want to have more fun than ever before? Come to Hanson Hills this winter for some truly great winter fun.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL - Charlie's Country Corner's team won tournaments. Second place went to Kamp Oil.

Soil district re-elects pair

Directors Jim Bischoff and Glenn Schicker were re-elected to serve three-year terms at the Crawford-Roscommon Conservation District's Annual Open House on Feb. 4 in Roscommon.

The board consists of Tom Zeneberg, Glenn Schicker, secretary-treasurer; Brian Willett, Walt Neilson, vice-chairman; and Jim Bischoff, chairman.

Board members are elected by landowners or occupiers of three or more acres of land in Crawford or Roscommon counties.

Ballots were collected during the day-long open house event and tallied that evening as part of the business portion of the annual meeting.

Activities at the open house included tree planting information, seedling ordering and conservation items for sale at 10% off. There was also a display of 1997 Photo Contest winners.

Viking skiers Katie Olson, Eric Thompson qualify for state finals at Boyne next week

Katie Olson and Eric Thompson qualify for state skiing finals

Two Grayling High School Skiers will compete in the state finals on Monday, Feb. 23, at Boyne Mountain.

Katie Olson placed ninth in Slalom and 10th in Giant Slalom in qualifying to ski in both events this year. Last year as a sopomore, she qualified in Giant Slalom.

Eric Thompson placed fourth in Slalom and will ski only in that event.

The boys team, hit a little by sickness and injury, didn't have the experience to get back in the state finals this year as they placed 5th out of 15 teams assigned to the Regional meet at Crystal Mountain. "We didn't ski as strong in Giant Slalom as we had all year as Jason Boreo injured a leg in Tuesday's Slalom race," Coach Mike Wieland said.

Top Giant Slalom finishers were Colin Hunter and Eric Thompson placing 14th and 15th; Freshman Matt Ginther placed 31st; Josh Mueller 37th and Ray Trudgeon was 40th, Jason Boreo did not finish the race.

In Slalom the boys did move up from seventh place in Giant Slalom to finish fifth in the meet. Top racer was Eric Thompson placing fourth; Josh Mueller was 19th; Freshman Paul Jansen 39th and Sopomore Ray Trudgeon was 48th despite missing a gate and climbing back for it. Matt Ginther fell placing 52nd and Colin Hunter lost a ski and was disqualified.

The Grayling girls team placed sixth led by Katie Olson, Brooke Ginther, Kim Hartman, Amanda Fortino and Tanya Helsel.

Katie placed ninth in Slalom and 10th in Giant Slalom and qualified for the state finals in both. Brooke Ginther placed 16th in Slalom missing state qualifying by .8 seconds. Brooke placed 23rd in Giant Slalom, Kim Hartman was 27th in Slalom and 22nd in Giant Slalom. Amanda Fortino suppplied the all important fourth place on the team in Slalom placing 45th. Tanya Helsel placed 62nd in Giant Slalom giving the girls team there four score.

Danielle McClanahan placed 50th in Slalom and 63rd in Giant Slalom with Andrea Elmy disqualifying in Slalom and placing 65th in Giant Slalom.

The Vikings skied the Schuss Mountain Championship Race on Wednesday (Feb. 18) at 5 p.m.

Katie Olson and Eric Thompson will compete in the state meet Feb. 23.

Viking ski teams top board in six-way meet at Sylvan

The Grayling High School ski teams got a look at next year's league competition in a six-way meet at Sylvan Resort last Tuesday (Feb. 10).

Mt. Pleasant, Clare, Farwell, Harrison and Roscommon have accepted Grayling as a member of their ski league for 1998-99.

The Viking boys skied very well placing first, 33 points ahead of Mt. Pleasant, and the girls placed second to Mt. pleasant by 11 points.

"The new league will allow us to ski a more consistent schedule, race against schools more our size, and share similar training facilities," said Coach Mike Wieland.

"We will still try to ski one meet a week with outside the league competition, like: Gaylord, Manistee, Boyne, Charlevoix and other schools from the two northwestern leagues."

At Sylvan the boys competition in Giant Slalom was dominated by the Vikings as they placed four Racers in the top six places. Eric Thompson placed first; Colin Hunter second; Jason Boreo third and Josh Mueller sixth. Matt Ginther and Derek Quick both fell placing 30th and 36th.

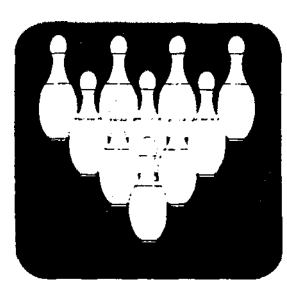
The Slalom results were nearly as good as four of the Vikes placed in the top 11. Colin Hunter placed first, Eric Thompson fourth, Josh Mueller fifth, and Ray Trudgeon was 11th; Derek Quick was 20th with Jason Boreo 23rd despite falling.

The Viking girls in Giant Slalom nearly equaled the boys' results placing the top three girls in the first four places. Katie Olson placed first, Kim Hartman second, and Brooke Ginther fourth. Amanda Quick placed 17th, Tanya Helsel was 20th and Andrea Elmy was 24th.

The Slalom event didn't go quite as well for Grayling. All four Vikes placed in the top 13. Katie Olson placed second; Brooke Ginther fourth; Kim Hartman 12th despite a fall, and Amanda Quick was 13th. Amanda Fortino finished 20th and Danielle McClanahan was 23rd.

HAPPY WINNERS — A bunch of happy winning snowboarders display their prizes at the 1998 Winter Wolfe Festival. Front row, from left: Ian Andrus, Erik Olson, Kyle Trudgeon (unable to compete because of injury). Second row: Jessy Farris, Matt Davis, James Farris, Travis Cummins. Third row: Nick Lovely, Mike Winters, John Haskel, Mike Harland. Back: Armand Lawrence. Not pictured: Kody Curtis, Adam Kaiser, Matt Stewart, Nick McNamara, Peter Tobias, John Sprenger, Jimmy Eddy, Pete Merithew, Chip Mason.

BOWLING LEAGUE



Friday Night Mixed Doubles

Charlies Country Corner............26-10
Suttles............26-10
Aunt Betty's............20-16
Moshier Auto Repair............18-18
AJD Forest Products............17-19
A. Bulldog Towing............17-19
Fick & Sons............11-25
Sawmill............9-27

Men's High Game: B. Trudeau, 189; J. Campbell, 189; D. Lozon, 185.
Men's High Series: C. Hanson, 485; L. Helsel, 479; R. Schreiber, 478.
Women's High Game: S. Rioux, 212, 207; Y. Schreiber, 203; L. McKee, 171.
Women's High Series: S. Rioux, 583; K. Trudeau, 486; K. Moshier, 472.

Senior Citizens League

Tees 'N' Such 'R' Us............52.5-35.5
Baynham Wood Products.....47.5-40.5
Buccilli's Pizza............47-41
Stevens Family Circle............45-43
Cornell Realty............44.5-43.5
Totten's Body Shop............42-46
Flowers By Josie............39.5-48.5
Sylvester's Sports............34-54

Men's High Game: D. Canfield, 222; D. Germain, 203; L. Essiambre, 187.
Men's High Series: D. Canfield, 615; G. Wolfe, 533; D. Germain, 530.
Women's High Game: R. Joyce, 217; D. Hall, 174; D. Burrick, 167.
Women's High Series: R. Joyce, 516; A. Payne, 466; R. Stimpson, 446.

Triangle League

Milltown Carpet............28-8
Airway Automation............23-13
Barber Construction............20-16
Moshier Auto............19-17
C.S.I............17-19
A Team............15-21
Jackson Trio............13-23
Cal Schreiber Bldr............9-27

High Game: L. Davis, 231; J. Golnick, 214; A. Angove, 212.
High Series: L. Davis, 620; J. Golnick, 562; R. Moshier, 556.

American Men's League

Red Barn............39-10
Upper Lakes............28-21
Burnside RV............27-22
Fenton's Auto............25-24
Stitches by Sue............22-27
Buccilli's............21-28
Northwood Land............19-30
McLean's Ace............15-34

High Game: R. Mansfield, 247, 202; L. Davis, 245; R. Moshier, 223, 212.
High Series: R. Moshier, 626; R. Mansfield, 597; L. Davis, 593.

National First

Moore's Auto Parts............16
Northern White Tail............15
Forest Brothers............13
Legion & D. Ross Const............11
Corky's D.J. & Karaoke............9
Weyerhaeuser............8
City Environmental............7
Guns & Grubs............1

High Game: R. Kehring, 237; D. Canfield, 235; T. Kotrash, 233.
High Series: D. Canfield, 651; A. Angove, 616; R. Kehring, 596.

POOL LEAGUE

Women's Pool League

Sawmill II............155
Sawmill I............129
Legion............128
Fredric Inn............121
Plaza............113
Spikes............104

6 ball run............Dee K. of Spikes, Patsey P. of Sawmill II.
7 ball run............Michelle P. of Frederic Inn, Beth P. Sawmill I.

YOUTH BOWLING LEAGUE

Action League

Strike 2 Judgments............15-5
Men in Black............15-5
J.C.'s 1st Strikers............11-9
Natural Born Killers............10-10
Lethal Weapons............9-11
Phantoms............7-13
Women in Black............7-13
Kung Fu Mania............6-14

High Game: Male: J. Arwood, 191; Female: N. Strohpaul, 166.
High Series: Male: D. Wilhelm, 489; Female: N. Strohpaul, 440.
Most Pins over Average: Male: J. Arwood, 67; Female: M. Skagerburg, 28.
Most Pins over Series: Male: C. Marculewicz, 89; Female: M. Skagerburg, 44.

Comedy League

Wild Natures............11-4
Spy's............10-5
Black Sheep............9-6
Paul Bearers............8-7
Clerk's............7-8
Nutty Professors............6-9
Tin Cups............6-9
Space Jamers............3-12

High Game: Male: K. Fedak, 117; Female: K. Davis, 130.
High Series: Male: K. Fedak, 231; Female: K. Davis, 225.
Most Pins over Average: Male: J. Todd, 64; Female: J. Mathey, 36.
Most Pins over Series: Male: J. Todd, 72; Female: M. Mathey, 13.

Cartoon League

Looney Tunes............11-4
Flintstones............9.5-5.5
Ninja's............9-6
Aristocats............8.5-6.5
Goose Bumps............8-7
Scooby Doo's............7-8
3 Stooges............4-11
Rug Rats............3-12

High Game: Male: W. Coe, 146; Female: A. Helsel, 126.
High Series: Male: W. Coe, 245; Female: A. Helsel, 212.
Most Pins over Average: Male: W. Coe, 78; Female: A. Helsel, 43.
Most Pins over Series: Male: W. Coe, 41; Female: B. Turner, 12.

LEGAL ACTION

RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Meeting held on January 26, 1998 Grayling, Michigan

Meeting called to order by Mayor Stevens at 7:30 p.m.

Members present: Stevens, Golnick, Ruddy, Brown, Palmer. Members Absent: None. Also in attendance: Jerry W Morford, City Manager, Kay Ellen King, J.C. King, Mike Cox, Al Smith, Faye Bovee, Bob Bovee, Dennis Palmer, Tim Smith, Dick Milliman, Norm Bancroft.

Moved by Brown, supported by Golnick that the minutes of the meeting of January 12, 1998 be approved as presented. Ayes, 5; Nays, 0; Absent, 0; motion carried.

Public Hearing. None.

Citizens who wish to speak.

a. Faye Bovee thanked the City, Guda and whoever helped to clean the sidewalks and streets, really did a good job.

Communications were received and noted.

a. Housing Commission minutes of December 9, 1997.

b. Emergency Services Council January 14, 1998.

c. Legal opinion regarding sidewalks.

d. Legal opinion regarding gift certificates.

e. Crawford County Board Minutes of January 13, 1998 and Agenda for January 27, 1998 meeting.

Old Business. None.

New Business.

a. Mike Cox, State Representative Candidate. Mike Cox from Kalkaska County is running for State Representative for the 105th District and talked with Council on his views and reason for running.

Reports of City Manager.

a. Petition regarding connecting snowmobile trails.

b. M.M.L. Conference March 25th in Lansing.

c. New City Treasurer is Terry McGregor who will start on February 2, 1998.

Reports of Council Members.

a. Ms. Palmer read a letter received in the mail regarding re-occurring sewer problem. City will run sewer line once a month to try and help this home owner.

b. Ms. Palmer regarding sidewalk program: Would like to make a motion to go ahead with 1998 program. After discussion Council asked Mr. Morford to proceed as decided at last meeting to evaluate all street needs in the spring and report back to Council with a recommended program for the next two years.

c. Ms. Brown asked about letter regarding sidewalks at Bovees on Ingham Street. Mr. Morford will check this out in the spring.

d. Ms. Brown appreciates getting the information packet.

Adjournment.

Moved by Stevens, supported by Ruddy that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes, 5; Nays, 0; Absent, 0; motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8 p.m.

Jerry W. Morford
City Manager & City Clerk

WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS IN EFFECT

As of Monday, February 16, 1998, at 8 am, The Road Commission For Crawford County has established enforceable weight restrictions for travel on all primary and local roads.

At a minimum, commercial haulers are expected to comply with the Michigan Department of Transportation Standard, which is local reductions of 35%.

In the event of a quick thaw, lesser loads may be required. Please contact the road commission (517) 348-2281, should you be a hauler with a specific question about restricted roads.

This notice is being issued in coordination and cooperation with area road commissions.

By: James Briney, Managing Director
For: Ray Swiercz, Chairman
Bob Nelson, Vice-Chairman
Bill Gannon, Commissioner

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LEGAL ACTION

SYNOPSIS
Crawford County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting of January 13, 1998

The Regular Meeting of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Hartman at 9:00 a.m. in the Crawford County Building on January 13, 1998.

Members present: Hartman, Smock, Bretzke, Long, Black, Corlew. Absent: None. Sandra Moore, County Clerk/Reg. of Deeds — present.

There were also other visitors present.

—Approved the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of December 23, 1997.

—Approved the Ways & Means Committee Report and payment of the following vouchers: General Fund Balance from the "Open Invoice Report": $55,828.65 and prepaid vouchers in the amount of $10,116.31; Environmental Control Fund - $105.05; Remonumentation Fund - $10,050.00; Commissioners Per Diem: Black - $148.00 per diem/ $195.29 mileage; Bretzke - $128.00 per diem/ $86.73 mileage; Corlew - $138.00 per diem; Hartman - no per diem submitted; Long - $128.00 per diem; Smock - $128.00 per diem.

—Agreed to remove the three small buildings located south of the Fish Hatchery and to place an ad seeking demolition bids of the three buildings.

—Withdrew the prior motion with regard to the Maintenance Department Head contacting the Road Commission concerning the ice situation in the County Building parking lot.

—Agreed that prior to the January 22, 1998 Road Commission Meeting to instruct the County Maintenance Department Head to acquire the necessary amount of salt/sand mixture from the Road Commission to maintain the County Building parking lot and to schedule reevaluation of this topic at the January 27, 1998 Board of Commissioners Meeting.

—Asked that the Building Authority reach Brandle Roofing who provided the County Building roof to review and appraise the potential concerns of the Board and for the Building Authority to seek necessary repairs if at "no cost" by the original contractor. If the original contractor requires repair costs, the Building Authority will seek bids from other contractors and advance to Corporate Counsel for cost recovery.

—Agreed to seek bids for a new 6x12 pitch truss roof design, new roof and structural changes at all entrances of the 911/Building & Zoning Office Building.

—Accepted the "1998 Grayling Recreation Authority/Fish Hatchery Contract" as presented for which the GRA will operate the Grayling Fish Hatchery for the calendar year 1998 and present a yearly report at year end to be reviewed on or prior to December 1st by the Crawford County Board of Commissioners.

—Accepted the correspondence as presented.

—Requested that the Chamber of Commerce give consideration in the best interest of the County taxpayers by allowing the County Board "Ex-Officio" member to be a voting member. If the Chamber should decide not to modify their by-laws the Commissioners will continue their representations of taxpayers as elected officials and as an "Ex-Officio" member.

—Agreed to re-submit to the County Prosecutor correspondence number ten requesting his response by the end of January 1998 of an approval to accept the "Re-Update of By-Laws and Policies Operation" of the Planning Commission as requested in the past.

—Entered into executive session at 11:07 a.m.

—Resumed Regular Board meeting at 11:43 a.m.

—Asked that Attorney Gretchen L. Olsen be notified to inform the Honorable Richard Alan Enslen, U.S. District Judge in writing that the Crawford County Board of Commissioners act as a legislative body and only speak through resolution, motion and minutes.

—Approved application for the "State & Local Assistance Grant Agreement for the Fiscal Year 1998" of which the purpose is to provide Federal, State and Local Assistance Grant Funds for the development and maintenance of an emergency management program in times of disaster or emergency.

—Endorsing the work of the Road Commission for Crawford County and Huron Pines Resource, Conservation & Development with regard to the Townline Road and Stream Crossing improvements to include a concrete box culvert.

—Endorsed the Michigan State Police Michigan Justice Training Commission Registration for Act 302 Law Enforcement Distribution as presented by Sheriff Lovely.

—Agreed to receive the 1997-98 Snowmobile Law Enforcement Grant Program Agreement and disburse the necessary funding.

—Received and approved FY 1997-98 Off Road Vehicle Enforcement Grant and disburse necessary funding.

--Agreed not to renew the listing of Parcel "D" with Cornell Realty and for the property to remain off the market until the County is approached by an interested consumer.

—Agreed to display an election ballot box in a central location for which ballots can be obtained in the office of the County Clerk to vote on one of the six County Flag Logos displayed.

—Rescheduled the Tuesday February 10, 1998 Ways & Means and Regular Board Meetings to Thursday February 12, 1998 with Ways & Means commencing at 8:00 a.m. and the Regular Meeting to follow.

—Agreed to eliminate items 2 and 5 of correspondence received after posting of this meeting agenda as said matters were discussed and reconciled throughout the meeting and to place the remaining items on the January 27, 1998 Meeting correspondence list.

—Agreed to publish notification informing all Regular Board Meeting agenda items will be accepted until noon the Thursday before each Board Meeting and also to publish a notification of schedule change to the February 10, 1998 Ways & Means and Regular Board Meetings to Thursday, February 12, 1998.

—Asked that the Clerk research legality of closing doors during Board Meetings while still allowing public access and egress to help upgrade the ability of the public to hear County business discussed and transacted.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

A full context of the meeting minutes is on file in the Clerk's Office.

Sandra Moore,
County Clerk/Reg. of Deeds

SYNOPSIS
Crawford County Board of Commissioners Organizational Meeting of January 5, 1998

The Meeting was called to order by County Clerk/Reg. of Deeds, Sandra Moore at 9:00 a.m. in the Crawford County Governmental Building on January 5, 1998.

Roll call: Bretzke, Long, Hartman, Black, Corlew, and Smock. Absent: None. County Clerk/ Reg. of Deeds, Sandra Moore present.

There were also other visitors present.

—Appointed Commissioner Hartman as 1998 Board Chairperson.

—Appointed Commissioner Smock 1998 Board Vice-Chairperson.

—Scheduled the 1998 Regular Board Meetings to be conducted on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month.

—Scheduled all 1998 Regular Board Meetings to begin at 9:00 a.m.

—Chairperson Hartman appointed Commissioner Corlew as Chairperson for Ways & Means in 1998.

—Chairperson Hartman appointed Commissioner Smock as Chairperson for Personnel & Labor in 1998.

—Chairperson Hartman appointed Commissioner Bretzke as Chairperson to the Law Enforcement Committee in 1998.

—Amended the Crawford County Board of Commissioner By Laws and remove the sub heading titles of the Commissioner assignments by listing each assignment separately and to indicate Commissioners assigned as "Representatives" and not Chairpersons.

—Agreed to schedule 1998 Ways & Means Meeting at 8:00 a.m. before the first Regular Board Meeting of each month.

—Agreed that any and all agenda items to first be directed to the Board Chairpersons for review and approval before posted by the County Clerk's Office.

—Allowed the Clerk a $500.00 line item for purchase of a fax machine to enable the forwarding of agendas to Chairpersons for approval and any review of follow up work requested by the Board.

—Agreed that the current County fax number (517) 348-7852 located in the Prosecutor's Office transferred to the Clerk's Office and for the Prosecutor to undertake a new number.

—Scheduled the 1998 Personnel & Labor Meeting for 8:00 a.m. and the fourth Tuesday of each month prior to the Regular Board Meeting.

—Agreed to forward correspondence to the Chief Circuit Court Judge informing him of the 1998 Board of Commissioners meeting schedule and advise that the Commissioners will be in use of the Circuit Court Room on dates and times designate allowing the public access to the meetings.

The Organizational Meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Sandra Moore,
County Clerk/Reg. of Deeds

NOTICE
GRAYLING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

Grayling Township's Board of Review will hold an organizational meeting on Tuesday, March 3, 1998, at 10:00 a.m. at the Grayling Township Hall, 2090 Viking Way, Grayling, Michigan 49738. Telephone: (517) 348-4361.

The Board of Review will re-convene at the same address to meet with tax payers starting at 9:00 a.m. Monday, March 9, 1998, until 12 noon and 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. They will meet again with taxpayers on Tuesday, March 10, 1998, during the same hours. This year the Board of Review will also be held on Thursday, March 12th th from 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. and Saturday, March 14th from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Petitioners will be received on a "first-come-first-served basis.

CLASS	TENTATIVE RATIO	FACTOR
Agricultural	49.99	1.00000
Commercial	49.92	1.00000
Industrial	49.86	1.00000
Residential	46.46	1.00000

Terry Wright, Supervisor
Monica Ashton, Clerk

-19-26

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

MORTGAGE SALE-Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Arthur A. SCHMIDT, single person and Dawn M. ATCHISON, a single person (Original Mortgagors) to UNITED COMPANIES LENDING CORPORATION, Mortgagee, dated October 6, 1993 and recorded on October 13, 1993 in Liber 366, on Page 511, Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by mesne assignments to UNITED COMPANIES LENDING CORPORATION as assignee, by an assignment dated November 28, 1997 which was recorded on January 22, 1998 in Liber 445, on Page 599, Crawford County Records on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-Two Thousand Five Hundred Thirteen And 12/100 dollars ($32,513.12), including interest at 10.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 o'clock a.m., on Wednesday, March 18, 1998.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP of GRAYLING, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Parcel A: The West 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 16, Town 26 North, Range 2 West.

Parcel B: That part of the West 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 16, lying North of State Highway M-72, in Section 16, Town 26 North, Range 2 West.

Parcel C: That part of the West 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 16, Town 26 North, Range 2 West, lying North of State Highway M-72.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 5, 1998
UNITED COMPANIES LENDING CORPORATION
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
(248) 642-4202
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for UNITED COMPANIES LENDING CORPORATION,
30150 Telegraph
Suite 100
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025
File # 98010152

-5-12-19-26-5

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD PUBLICATION AND NOTICE OF HEARING

File No. 98-5797-GD

In the matter of Whitney Rose Cole, a protected person, 367-21-3305.

To: Kendall M. Cole and Valorie Eve Cole whose addresses are unknown and whose interest in this matter may be barred or affected by the following:

TAKE NOTICE: On Thursday, March 12, 1998 at 11:00 a.m., in the probate courtroon, Grayling, Michigan, before Hon. John G. Hunter Judge of Probate, a hearing will be held on the Petition for Appointment of Co-Guardians.

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ATTENTION DOG OWNERS

Beginning March 9, 1998, the fees for dog licenses will double. Fees for male or female dogs will change from $5.00 to $10.00. Fees for spayed or neutered dogs will change from $3.00 to $6.00

Licenses may be purchased from the Grayling Hospital for Animals, the Crawford County Animal Shelter, or the Crawford County Treasurer's Office.

19-26-5

NOTICE
ACCEPTING BIDS FOR 1998 CAMPGROUND MAINTENANCE

Be advised the Crawford County Parks & Recreation Committee are now accepting bids for the 1998 seasonal maintenance of Wakeley, Canoe and White Pines Campground. Please note bidders must supply garbage bags and any additional supplies to furnish suitable maintenance. Acceptance of bids will run through March 6, 1998, and can be submitted to the Parks & Recreation Committee c/o the Crawford County Clerk, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738. -12-19-26

NOTICE
TAXPAYERS OF MAPLE FOREST TOWNSHIP

The Maple Forest Board of Review will hold its organizational meeting on Tuesday, March 3, 1998, at 9 am,

The Board of Review will meet with the public at the township hall on:

Monday, March 9, 1998 • 9 am - 12 noon & 1-4 pm
Friday, March 13, 1998 • 1-4 pm & 6-9 pm

Tentative ratios for Maple Forest:

CLASS	FACTOR
Residential	50:1
Agricultural	50:1
Commercial	50:1
Industrial	50:1

Mark D. Kniss
Supervisor

-19-26-5-12

SYNOPSIS
Crawford County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting of December 23, 1997

The Regular Meeting of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Bretzke at 7:00 p.m. in the Crawford County Building on December 23, 1997.

Members present: Bretzke, Hartman, Long, Black, Corlew, Smock. Absent: None. Sandra Moore, County Clerk/Reg. of Deeds — present.

There were also other visitors present.

—Approved the revised minutes for the December 9, 1997 Regular Board Meeting.

—Accepted the correspondence as presented.

—*Agreed to discuss the request from Cornell* Realty Broker Clarence LaMotte to renew the present listing for County property at the January Regular Board Meeting.

—Agreed to designate a committed Commissioner to attend the Crawford County Strong Families/Safe Children Organization meeting and keep the Board current of matters presented.

—Asked that the Building Authority identify within the next thirty (30) days which buildings located by the Fish Hatchery site are County owned making it County responsibility.

—Agreed to reappoint Edward Holtcamp to the Crawford County Planning Commission through a term which expires December 29, 2000.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

A full context of the meeting minutes is on file in the Clerk's Office.

Sandra Moore,
County Clerk/Reg. of Deeds

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD PUBLICATION AND NOTICE OF HEARING

File No. 98-5796-GD

In the matter of Emily Anne Cole, a protected person, 376-19-0367.

To: Kendall M. Cole and Valorie Eve Cole whose addresses are unknown and whose interest in this matter may be barred or affected by the following:

TAKE NOTICE: On Thursday, March 12, 1998 at 11:00 a.m., in the probate courtroon, *Grayling, Michigan, before Hon. John G. Hunter* Judge of Probate, a hearing will be held on the Petition for Appointment of Co-Guardians.

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NOTICE
BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

The Beaver Creek Township Board of Review will hold an organizational meeting March 3, 1998, at 1 pm, at the Beaver Creek Township Hall for the purpose of reviewing the 1998 Assessment Roll. The Board of Review will meet with taxpayers Monday, March 9, 1998, and Wednesday, March 11, 1998, 9 am to 12 noon and 1 to 4 pm, at the Beaver Creek Township Hall, 8994 S. Oak Rd., Grayling.

The following are tentative factors for all classes of property in Beaver Creek Township.

CLASS	FACTOR
Agricultural	1.0395
Commercial	1.0169
Industrial	1.0000
Residential	1.1660

Lee Riley
Township Supervisor

-12-19-26

NOTICE
TAXPAYERS OF FREDERIC TOWNSHIP

The Frederic Township Board of Review will meet at the Township Hall, 7564 County Rd. 612, Frederic, MI. on the following dates:

Organizational Meeting: Tuesday March 3, 10 a.m.
To meet with Taxpayers: Monday, March 9, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Friday, March 13, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Saturday, March 21, 9 a.m.-12 noon

CLASS	RATIO	FACTOR
Agricultural	50:00	1.00000
Commercial	49.66	1.00000
Industrial	50:00	1.00000
Residential	43.25	1.00000
Personal	49.88	1.00000

Brian Hulbert
Supervisor

-19-26-5

NOTICE
SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

The South Branch Township Board of Review will meet at the Township Hall, 5245 M-18, Roscommon, on the following dates.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING: Tuesday, March 3rd, 1998, at 7 pm.

TO MEET WITH TAXPAYERS: Monday, March 9th, 1998, 9 am till 12 noon and 1-4 pm; Thursday, March 12th, 1998, 1-4 pm & 5:30-8:30 pm.

CLASS	TENTATIVE RATIO	FACTOR
Agricultural	50.00	1.00000
Commercial	50.00	1.00000
Industrial	50.00	1.00000
Residential	50.00	1.00000

This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act), MCLA41.72a(2) (3) and the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA).

The South Branch Township Board will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting to individuals with disabilities at the meeting or public hearing upon seven (7) days notice to the South Branch Township Board.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the South Branch Township Board by writing or calling the following: Laura Smith, clerk, 5245 M-18, Roscommon, MI 48653. (517) 275-8232.

Posted on: January 29, 1998

Laura Smith, Clerk

-12-19-26

KIRTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE INVITATION TO BID

KIRTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE will receive sealed proposals from qualified bidders for the demonlition and salvage of an existing building, approximately 3,200 sq. ft. located at Kirtland Community College, 10775 N. St. Helen Road, Roscommon, MI 48653.

A pre-bid meeting will not be held. Contractors/individuals are encouraged to visit the facility prior to bidding to familiarize themselves with project conditions and to obtain a bid document. To schedule a visitation, please contact, JoAnn Comerford, Director of Physical Plant at (517) 275-5121, Ext. 249.

Proposals shall be submitted on the proposal forms provided in the bid document and shall be completely filled in and executed in accordance with the contract documents. Proposals may be mailed or delivered in person to the Business Office, Kirtland Community College, 10775 N. St. Helen Road, Roscommon, MI 48653. Proposals must be received prior to 1:00 p.m. (local time) on Thursday, March 5, 1998.

The owner reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to accept other than low bid, and to waive informalities, irregularities, and/or errors in Proposals which they feel is in their best interest. The Owner will award the project contract to the bidder whom they feel may represent the best interest of the College.

The project will consist of a contract between Kirtland Community College (owner's representative) and the contractor/individual. Bidders shall read the contract documents carefully and shall familiarize themselves thoroughly with all requirements. Overall administration of the contract will be the responsibility of the contractor/individual.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish insurance as stated in the contract documents.

Construction is scheduled to begin Monday, March 30, 1998 and be completed by Thursday, April 9, 1998.

Bids may not be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days after the opening of the bids.

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FEATURES

HOROSCOPES

For The Week Of February 22-28

ARIES
March 21-April 20

A hectic social gathering turns out to be fun. Sneak off to a corner if it gets to be too much to handle. Using the right amount of patience and push could finalize a deal. Don't forget to get some exercise other than the trip to the coffee pot this week.

TAURUS
April 21-May 21

There is reward in intellectual pursuits this week. Concentrate your energy on a direct goal and you are likely to make it. Don't overlook the obvious when you search for the answer to a problem. Don't discount your own ability to make a difference in the outcome of a friend's future.

GEMINI
May 22-June 21

Going out of town this week could turn out to be more than you can handle. Keep your eyes on the road. Remember to take the rest you need before you begin any journey that looks to be long. Your money is safe where it is right now, so don't make any sudden financial decisions in the near future.

CANCER
June 22-July 22

You can't go wrong with a second opinion this week. Medically speaking, you aren't as bad off as it might first appear. Do more than your fair share at home and it will pay off. Your level of creativity is very high right now.

LEO
July 23-August 23

Clear your slate of past promises. You have everything to cover your agreements if you spend wisely. Your productivity and good attention are in danger this week. Don't be distracted by company arguments and departmental planning. You have a job of your own to do. Stick to it.

VIRGO
August 24-September 22

Buying based on impulse could prove problematic today. Ask for a few days to consider the deal. Look to a trusted friend for advice. Try your hand at cooking something new—you'll be surprised how good it will turn out. Don't be afraid to experiment.

LIBRA
September 23-October 23

Your expertise is wide, but don't overextend your reach this week. You may be asked for your opinion of something unfamiliar. Stay on solid ground and only speak about the portion you really understand. Resist the temptation to show off. You could come out looking foolish.

SCORPIO
October 24-November 22

This is a good time to spend some quality time with someone you love. Keep your eyes and ears open to new opportunities. You have an inner strength that has kept someone afloat unbeknownst to you. Don't forget to say thank you to those who've been helping you meet all the requirements at work.

SAGITTARIUS
November 23-December 21

Take another look at something that looks too good to be true. You may get a surprise. This is a good week to focus on your health. Develop your network of acquaintances to see if someone important has been looking for you.

CAPRICORN
December 22-January 20

You deserve a break. Treat yourself to something special; it will improve your mood and the moods of those around you. Consider what it is you've been asking others to do before you react. They'll be glad you paid attention. Do not underestimate the power of words.

AQUARIUS
January 21-February 18

Someone you don't particularly like is actually right for a change. Don't say no because they said yes. It could mean the difference between your own success and failure this time. A difficult problem you've been avoiding will actually fix itself this week.

PISCES
February 19-March 20

Invite a new friend over for an evening of conversation. You need more levity in your life right now. Take a moment to laugh at how silly a stressful moment has gotten. Exercise will help you relax and will improve your outlook. Check your financial resources before splurging on a wishful item.

For Entertainment Purposes Only

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Chunky Southwestern Soup

(Makes 9 cups)

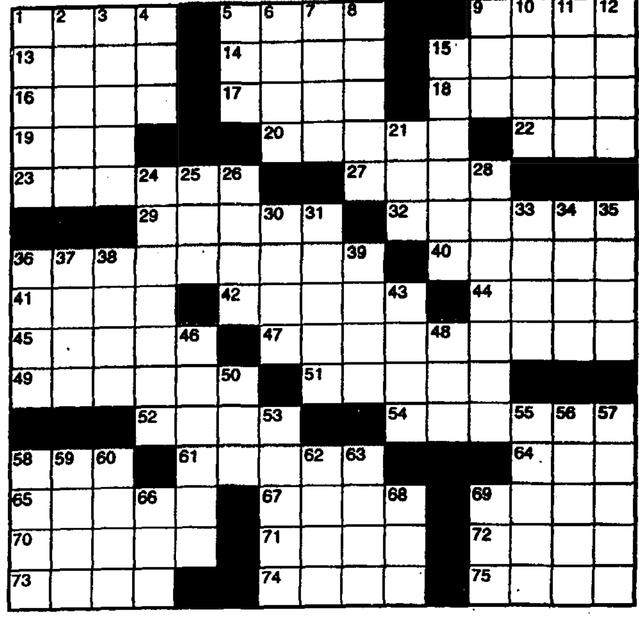
1 1/2 C. chopped white onion
2 T vegetable oil
2 C. (1/2 lb.) carrots, quartered crosswise then slivered
1 lb. potatoes, sliced then slivered
1/4 lb. sliced mushrooms
1 T minced garlic (3 med. cloves)
1 C. mild chile salsa
2 cans (14.5 oz. each) chicken broth
1 can (1 lb.) tomato sauce
2 t. oregano
2 t. ground cumin
2 T minced fresh child peppers or
1 t. bottled red chile flakes
Grated cheddar or jack cheese
Tortilla chips

Gently saute onion in oil in large saucepan until buttery. Add carrots, potatoes, mushrooms, garlic, salsa, chicken broth, tomato sauce, oregano, cumin and fresh chilies or flakes.

Bring to boil then simmer covered 15 minutes until potato is tender. Serve in bowls topped with cheese and additional peppers if desired. Surround bowls with chips.



CROSSWORD



ACROSS
1. ____-flop
5. Impostor
9. Enclosed parts of trucks
13. Lana of *Superboy* comics
14. Adams of cigar-selling
15. Rapids craft
16. Alcohol lamp
17. Apple spoiler
18. Seek penance
19. Becker boomer
20. Fibbing
22. Sparks or Beatty
23. Foxy
27. Hop ____! (2 wds.)
29. Q-Tips, e.g.
32. Type of sheep
36. Clarify
40. Sleek snake
41. ____ *Woman Be A Woman* (2 wds.)
42. Laziness
44. ____ *Get Around Much Anymore*
45. Succumbs to stress
47. News item identifiers
49. Plato's birthplace
51. Kite claw
52. Kind of vaccine
54. Polytheists
58. Soft shoe
61. Actor O'Neal and others
64. Rock's Steely ____
65. Greek salad ingredient
67. First independent Communist leader
69. Writer Wiesel
70. Thin wood strips
71. Author of *A Chapter On Ears*
72. Rescue
73. Distorts facts
74. Slave
75. Seaside structure

DOWN
1. Greyhound riders
2. "Crosspatch, draw the ____ . . ."
3. Kind of tube
4. Links group: abbr.
5. Jazzman Tabackin
6. Rock star, often
7. Breezy
8. Pay
9. Ocelot, e.g.
10. Before long
11. Thing to pick in an argument
12. ____ oyster
15. More cautious
21. ____ de plume
24. Houdini specialties
25. Doughboys' battle inits.
26. Fathers
28. Type of post
30. Like Ionesco's soprano
31. Summer ermine
33. Church art
34. Goose that frequents crosswords
35. Morsels
36. Columnist-hostess Maxwell
37. Period after Mardi Gras
38. Mormon state
39. ____ *Kett*
43. Respond to an SOS
46. Small drums
48. Haitian deity
50. Vulpine
53. Chopin and Smith
55. Ike's opponent
56. Ingenuous
57. Expression of mockery
58. Weather vane for a politician
59. Jai ____
60. Point out
62. Where crocodiles bask
63. Blender button
66. Type of cassette
68. One lacking grace
69. Geller's gift: abbr.

ANSWERS IN CLASSIFIEDS

A LOOK AT OUR PAST
FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 YEARS AGO
February 13, 1975

The Hunting Hall of Fame Foundation announced its 1975 inductees to be honored at the Third Annual Awards presentation at the St. Regis-Sheraton Hotel in New York on March 14. Among those named is Fred Bear, bowhunting pioneer and president of Bear Archery, Division Victor Comptometer Corporation, Grayling.

Bridget Hoffman wins title of Miss Grayling 1975. First runner-up was Kimberlie Pelto and second runner-up was Wendy Gee.

Donkey basketball will be held in the Middle Gym on Feb 19.

Mrs. Ida Ellingworth celebrated her 100th birthday on Feb. 20.

A daughter, Kelly Ann, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Louchart on Feb. 8, weighing 6 lbs. 15 ozs.

Richard Slater was named to the Dean's list of Saginaw Valley College for the fall semester.

46 YEARS AGO
February 14, 1952

With the weather just about as perfect as it could ever hope to be, Major General Ralph A. Loveland, commanding general of the Michigan National Guard, Sunday accepted the crown of Miss Michigan Snow Queen from Yvonne Torka of Saginaw, last year's queen, and coronated Miss Beverly Wyckoff, 16, of Roscommon as Michigan's Winter Queen of 1952.

Fire on Sunday evening at around nine o'clock destroyed the Keith Goward residence at 604 Erie Street. According to Fire Chief Amos Haoesli, the fire was caused by an overheated stove pipe through a wall. The house which was occupied by the Lawrence Kenyons is a total loss.

Miss Marjorie Nelson was home from Ferris Institute to spend the weekend with her father A. J. Nelson and had as her guests the Misses Florence Rose, Janet West, Beryl Fullerton, Margaret Bennett and Betty Wyss. Miss Barbara Nelson was home from Michigan State College and her guests were Christine Murphy and Betty Zukey.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Frymire were overnight guests Thursday of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Harold McNeven.

Mr. and Mrs. William Zimmerman of Detroit spent the weekend with her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bovee and daughter, Bille Faye.

Calvin Schreiber, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Schreiber of Grayling, is now undergoing training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, Calif.

Happy birthday is extended to the twins, Gale and Dale Gauthier whose birthday was Sunday, Feb. 10.

Miss Joan Reynolds of Midland and Dwight Reava of Mt. Pleasant spent the weekend at the home of the latters parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Johnston.

Roy Papenfus went to Bay City on Tuesday and Mrs. Papenfus spent the day in West Branch visitng at the Robert Papenfus home.

69 YEARS AGO
February 14, 1929

The Andrew Price Grocery Store building at Roscommon was completely destroyed by fire late last Friday afternoon. The major part of the stock and fixtures were saved.

Harold Rasmussen is driving a brand new Chevrolet coach.

Twelve little friends of Miss Virginia Peterson helped her celebrate her birthday Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Martha Sorenson received a pleasant surprise last evening when she went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sorenson where a number of relatives had gathered to help her celebrate her birthday.

Frank Ansett has resigned his position as operator at the local Western Union station and has accepted a similar job in Saginaw.

George Schroeder is assisting John Brunn at the Salling Hanson Co. office.

Alfred Sorenson, the son of George Sorenson badly sprained his right hand Sunday evening at Lake Margrethe.

Walter Hanover of Bay City, a former Grayling boy was in Grayling Sunday evening enjoying Winter Sports.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. William Golnick of Flint, Monday morning, a son at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lovely.

A.L. Foster of Gladestone, former superintendent of the Dupont plant here, was in the city Friday calling on old friends.

About thirty-five children attended the Story Hour Saturday afternoon at the library. The hour is sponsored by the Woman's Club and is under the direction of Miss Hazel Cassidy.

Esbern and Oscar Hanson were in Saginaw on business Monday. While there the former was elected a director of the Second National bank of Saginaw.

A very pretty tea was given on Wednesday afternoon by the Ladies Aid of M.M. Church at the home of Mrs. H. A. Bauman in honor of Mrs. R. H. Gillett.

Attention is hereby called to the need of arranging for water-works and sewer connections along US-27 between the bridge and Mercy Hospital before the new pavement is put in next spring.

92 YEARS AGO
February 15, 1906

Joe L. Larson made a business trip to Bay City the first of the week.

Miss Ida Hammond of Bay City was in town over Sunday visiting relatives and friends.

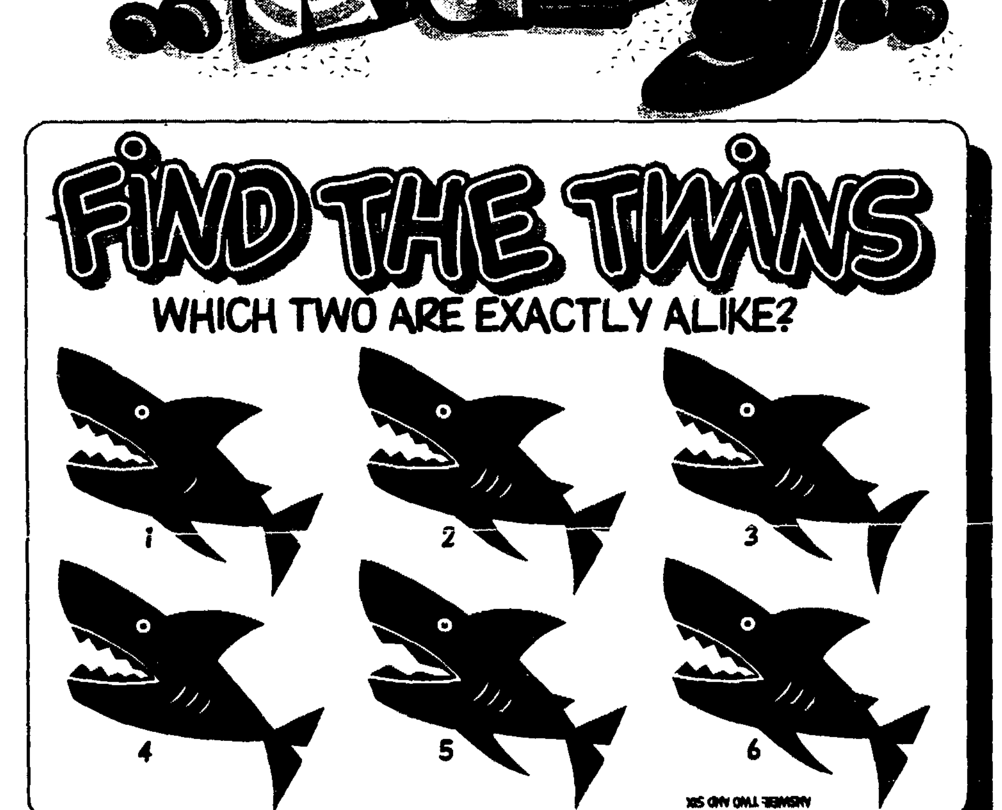
George Mahon has his shop located in Chris Hanson's building.

W. F. Brink sold 25 acres of land to David R. Spencer Monday.

Miss Minnie Forbes of Knikhtstown, Ind., arrived here Tuesday to the delight of Grandpa Park and Mrs. Forbes.

Another happy meeting at the home of A. Mortenson in Beaver Creek last Wednesday by the "Old People's Society."

At Bay City, on our way home from Grand Rapids Saturday night we were pleased to meet Birney Parsons and Frank Canfield, old Grayling boys.



WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Date	High	Low	Melted
2/11	44	12	0.01
2/12	43	30	0.25
2/13	32	24	0.01
2/14	27	18	
2/15	28	18	
2/16	44	28	
2/17	44	31	0.05

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Crawford County Avalanche (517) 348-6811 • FAX (517) 348-6806

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Display Advertising Rate - $5.60 per column inch
Deadline for Display Classifieds - 12 Noon, Monday
Classifieds by the word rate - $3.50 for 15 words or less, 10¢ per each additional word
Classified by the word deadline - 12 Noon, Tuesday

1. Real Estate

THREE BEDROOM 1 1/2 baths, with deeded Lake Margrethe access, $79,900. Call State Wide, 1-800-968-7978.
-12-19-26-5/1

NEWLY BUILT three bedroom, attached garage, 1 1/2 bath, Karen Woods Sub., 6174 Libby. 348-4840.
-12-19/1

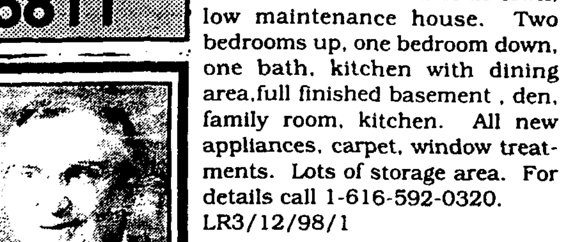
THREE BEDROOM 2 1/2 car attached garage, new furnace and roof, on three acres, five miles east of town, $62,500. 348-7218.
-5-12-19-26/1

FOR SALE BY OWNER in town, low maintenance house. Two bedrooms up, one bedroom down, one bath, kitchen with dining area,full finished basement , den, family room, kitchen. All new appliances, carpet, window treatments. Lots of storage area. For details call 1-616-592-0320.
LR3/12/98/1

AUSABLE COUNTRY ACRES Large wooded lots, a log home association development. Park, cable, underground utilities, near AuSable River and Kneff Lake. Land contract terms by owner. Contact 517-348-7355, Grayling.
12/29/97tf/1

JUST COMPLETED THREE BEDROOM, 1 1/2 bath, two car garage, natural gas heat, two miles from Grayling. $85,000. 333 Redwing Terrace. Call 348-8945 or 348-4068.
-10/23/97tf/1

FOR SALE OR RENT Two-three bedroom, vinyl sided, partial log home. New 4" well, furnace and carpet. Near AuSable River state land. Contact 517-348-7355.
12-4-97tf/1





1. Real Estate

AUSABLE RIVER home on Wendy Lane. Lovely four bedroom, 1 1/2 baths. Chalet. Fireplace, attached 1 1/2 car garage, furnished. Beautiful setting on 10 acres with 175 ft. frontage. Owner very anxious. Reduced to $139,000. Call Hamrick Real Estate Co. P.C. Phone or fax, 517-348-5433, evenings 348-8336.
12/18/97tf/1

FOR SALE BY OWNER: Private setting, less than one block from Lake Margrethe. Four bedrooms, two baths, fireplace, finished walk-out basement, attached garage, large deck, boat house. 200' X 125' lot. Adjacent lots available. $120,000 O.B.O. Call 348-5104.
-12-19-26/1

2. For Rent

FOR RENT two bedroom duplex in Viking Village. $600 a month, no pets. Includes lawn maintenance, snowplowing and trash pick-up. Call Peggy at 616-946-8772.
2/12/98tf/2

ROOM FOR RENT $300 a month plus deposit, utilities included. References required! Call after 5 p.m. 348-7853.
-12-19/2

MOBILE HOME Two bedrooms, $300 monthly plus security. Please call 348-2458. Thanks.
-12-19/2

DOWNTOWN STUDIO APARTMENT for rent. 402 Peninsular, $275 per month plus utilities. Great for single working person. Call 348-7143.
-12-19-26/2

KITCHENETTES AVAILABLE Need temporary housing? Working in the area? Rooms available through May, by the week or month. Call 348-8471, Grayling.
-12-19-26-5/2

ROOM FOR RENT $250 month, share in utilities, full house privileges. 348-3297, ask for Terry.
-12-19-26-5/2

FOR RENT: Small efficiency unit for single working person, furnished, includes utilities cable hook-up, $280 per month., deposit $160. Call 348-5433. Evenings, 348-8336.
-1/15/98tf/2

FOR RENT- House on Lake Margrethe. Two bedrooms, two baths, $600 plus utilities and security deposit. Call 348-8953 after 6 p.m.
-12-19-26/2

ROOM FOR RENT $300 a month plus deposit, utilities included. References required! Call after 5 p.m. 348-7853.
-19-26/2

8115 INSLEY two bedroom house near Lake Margrethe, appliances included, utilities not included. No pets. $385 month plus $300 notice deposit. Phone Guy, 348-5998.
-19/2

HOUSE FOR RENT in Grayling. One bedroom, all appliances, two car garage. $425 per month plus security deposit. 348-5372. No pets.
-19-26/2

1. Real Estate

HOME FOR SALE by owner. Newly remodeled, large kitchen with oak cupboards, stove, refrigerator, large living room, three bedrooms, laundry room, two car garage, close to town. 344-2313.
-12-19/1

HUNTING CAMP 10-80 acres w/ cabins, can divide. Surrounded by state land, $14,000 - $112,000. N. Grayling, MI. Financing possible. 616-947-1990.
11/20/97tf/1

PRICE REDUCED, $39,500, two bedroom, one bath, vacant, 300 Huron St. (one block from Cornell Insurance on M-72 East), was $44,500. 348-4055.
11/13/97tf/1

2. For Rent

MAKE ARBOR COURT APARTMENTS your new home. Large two bedroom apartments. Maximum income level of $17,040 for two person household. Call Michelle at 517-348-6399 for more information. Equal Housing Opportunity. Professionally managed by Kathy Richards, Inc. and financed by R.D. (021502010)
-2/5/98tf/2

FOR RENT: 8106 Insley, remodeled lake access, two bedroom, garage, partial basement, $450 monthly plus security deposit. Call Craig Hinkle, 348-7440.
-2/5/98tf/2

8106 INSLEY, near Lake Margrethe, two bedroom home with att. garage, $450 monthly, sec. dep. No pets.. Call Craig Hinkle, 348-7440 for application.
-2/12/98tf/2

509 PARK STREET, two bedroom house in city. $450 monthly, sec. deposit, no pets. Call Craig Hinkle, 348-7440 for application.
-2/12/98tf/2

THREE BEDROOM MOBILE two bath, private land. M-72 by Burton's Landing. $350 plus utilities, less $50 per month if you improve and maintain. 1-888-893-8292.
-5-12-19/2

SPACIOUS ONE BEDROOM upper apartment in city of Grayling. Ideal for professional or mature adult. Carpeted throughout, ample closet, cupboard and storage space. Full size washer/dryer. All utilities furnished including gas, heat, electricity, cable T.V., city water, trash pick-up and snow plowing. No smokers, no children, no pets, references required. $550 per month plus security deposit. Must see to appreciate. For appointment call (517) 348-8993.
-19-26/2

TWO BEDROOM CARPETED DUPLEX near Lake Margrethe, with carport, refrigerator, stove and natural gas heat. $425 plus utilities and security. Responsible adults with references. Very low heat bills. Cable ready. 348-5230.
-19-26//2

FOR RENT two bedroom cottage near Lake Margrethe, partially furnished. First and last and security. Call 517-348-8219.
-19-26-5-12/2

2. For Rent

SMALL ONE BEDROOM HOUSE in Grayling. Very clean, $350 a month, first and last months rent. Credit report obtained. 517-732-2353 weekdays or 517-939-8965, evenings and weekends.
-19/2

TWO BEDROOM HOUSE Grayling-Higgins Lake area. $440 a month, first and last months rent. Credit report obtained. 517-732-2353, weekdays or 517-939-8965, evenings and weekends.
-19/2

ONE BEDROOM very nice, including utilities. $500 per month. No pets. 517-275-5225.
-2/19/98tf/2

TWO BEDROOM HOUSE all appliances, $375 plus utilities and $300 security deposit. Responsible adults with references. No pets. 348-5911, leave message.
-19-26/2

NEW THREE BEDROOM two bath home with lake access. Non-smoking only, no pets. $600 per month plus utilities and security deposit. Available mid-March. 348-8627.
-2/19/98tf/2

COBBLE CREEK APARTMENTS is accepting applications for our spacious apartments and barrier free units. Rent based on income. For additional information call 348-3150. Hearing impaired call TDD 1-800-760-1997. Equal Housing Opportunity.
-19-26-5-12/2

ONE BEDROOM HOUSE on the AuSable River, $300 month plus utilities. First, last, security deposit and references. 348-9357.
-19-26/2

CABIN FOR RENT: on the river. Nightly or weekly. 517-348-8350.
9/9/97tf/2

3. Employment

BEAVER CREEK RESORT is looking for self motivated individuals for the following positions: executive housekeeper and housekeeping. All interested persons to apply in person at 5004 W. Otsego Lake Dr., Gaylord, MI. 517-732-2459 for directions.
-5-12-19/3

FLOOR COVERING INSTALLERS NEEDED for vinyl, hardwood, carpet and ceramic tile. Minimum five years experience, must have own van, tools, workmens comp. Call 517-732-7728 or 517-732-2691.
10/9/97tf/3

VERSATILE MECHANIC NEEDED We will train the right motivated applicant. Excellent benefits and working conditions. E.O.E. Send enquiries to: Attn. G.S., P.O. Box 490, Grayling, MI 49738.
-5-12-19/3

3. Employment

NOTICE OF OPEN POSITION : Posting Date: February 12,1998. Position Cook: Grayling High School. Description: This position is responsible to the Food Service Manager. It involves preparing and serving food for the lunch meal; stocking the snack vending machines; washing and storing dishes, flatware, and pots and pans; preparing and supervising the lunch area; stocking shelves; general cleaning of the food service equipment; and may include working cooperatively with a second cashier to operate the debit card machine and handle money transactions. Qualifications: High school diploma; ability to pass the MEAP test; must be able to work effectively with high school age students and have the ability to communicate effectively with all school staff. Experience with food service preparation preferred. Work year: 182 days, averaging not less than four hours per day. Salary: According to contract. Apply to: Paul B. Lerg, Assistant Superintendent, Crawford AuSable School District, 403 Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738. Deadline: 4:00 p.m., February 25, 1998. Crawford AuSable School District, equal opportunity/affirmative action statement.
-12-19/3

EARN EXTRA INCOME Distributors wanted. It's time for you to make a change, your body structure to rearrange. Build your muscle and burn that fat, become a new you, in no time flat. Vitamins and natural herb, your appetite guaranteed to curb your energy is sure to grow, the more you do the more you'll go. For a free 3-day sample call or fax: 1-517-348-9083. Changes International.
-12-19-26-5/3

HAVEN'T WORKED in a long time? Over 55 with limited income?? Employment/training opportunities offered through Green Thumb such as: Clerical Ass't, Receptionist, Custodian, Grounds-Keeper. To see if you are eligible call 1-800-772-5550 or 517-772-5308. Green Thumb, Inc. EOE
-29-5-12-19/3

HANSON HILLS SNACK BAR employee needed. Apply at Grayling Recreation Authority office, 7601 Old Lake Road.
-12-19/3

4. Services Offered

DISH NETWORK 18" dish, $199 + 40 channels for $19.99 per month. Installation available. Northern Electronics, (517) 348-6944.
6/19/97tf/4

SEWING, SEWING, SEWING Bridal to zippers, tailoring to mending. Call Shirley, 348-1348.
5/18/96tf/4

CREATIVE MEMORIES wedding flowers and decorations. Let us create your wedding memories. Bouquets, boutonnieres, corsages, center pieces, church and reception decorations, custom made to order. Phone 348-2454.
-19/4

TINKER'S HANDYMAN doing winter jobs. Snow, ice removed. We do what you need done. 517-348-1053.
-19-26-5-12/4

TRINA'S FAMILY DAY CARE has full and part-time openings for 12 months and older. Flexible hours and will work some weekends. Healthy snacks and meals are provided. Licence # DF200072537. Please call me at 517-348-6942.
-19-26-5-12/4

MICHELLE'S LICENCED DAY CARE has openings. Meals and snacks provided. 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Weekends also. 348-6492.
-19-26/4

DAVIS CHIMNEY SWEEPING
Roof Snow Removal
FREE ESTIMATES
348-8095

Odd-Job Enterprises
Let us do your small home repairs
FREE ESTIMATES - CALL
Lt.C. Norm Schmoock (Ret.)
348-5132
No odd jobs too small for Odd Job

3. Employment

BIG BUCKS BREWERY has openings for wait staff, line cooks and server assistants. Flexible hours, excellent pay. Apply in person in Gaylord, Thursday's from 2-4 p.m.
-12-18/3

WANTED SUMMER BABYSITTER for my three children ages eight and twin five year olds. Three to five days during the week, hours very (days): Grayling area. Your own transportation nice but not necessary. References required. If interested contact 517-348-9353 and leave message, or mail letter of interest with references and pay requirements to 775-E County Rd 612, Grayling, MI 49738.
12-19-26-5/3

NIGHT/WEEKEND On-Call Advocate: Immediate, on-call position. Performs a variety of duties to ensure that emotional and physical needs of clients are met. Answers crisis-line and completes initial contracts. Conducts in-takes of residents and their children. Minimum qualifications include: high school diploma or equivalent required. Able to be empathetic and work with families in crisis. Six months experience in a shelter or similar setting required. Salary - $6.00/hr. Qualified candidates can apply in person, or call for application: Human Resources Department, Mercy Hospital/Grayling, 1100 Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738; Phone: (517) 348-0340. Achieving Workforce Diversity Through Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.
-12-19/3

PART-TIME SALES HELP needed, excellent discount. Apply at Flo's Hallmark, Grayling.
-19-26/3

EXPERIENCED DEPENDABLE INDIVIDUAL to provide health care and housekeeping duties. References. Call after 6 p.m., leave message, 348-2085.
-19-26/3

5. For Sale

FIREWOOD Prompt delivery. Three face cord, $115, 10-$350. Please call 616-258-0149, or page 616-444-7272.
-LR2/12/98/5

SNOWMOBILE 1994 Yamaha Phaser II, 480, 1,700 miles, electric start, hand warmers, studs, end cover, $2,750 or best offer. 344-2313.
-12-19/5

1988 YAMAHA EXCITER 570 cc, like new. Brand new skis plus ski skins, new track clips. You have to see. $1,500 or best. 348-7070 after 5 p.m.
-5-12-19/5

4. Services Offered

CABIN LOGS AND LUMBER for sale and custom sawing available. ASP Saw Works. 517-275-2100.
-12-19-26-5/5

MAKE YOUR OWN precious porcelain doll. Call "Dolls by Barbara", 348-8350 for appointment.
-1/8/98tf/4

LICENCED DAY CARE PROVIDER DF200079701, has openings for two full-time children, ages 1-4 yrs. Call 348-3156.
-19-26/4

PIANO TUNING AND REPAIRS Rogers Piano Service, Fairview, MI 48621. Over 20 years experience. (517) 848-2262.
3/19/91tf/4

COMPLETE SEPTIC TANK
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Over 10 years experience
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3. Employment

NOTICE OF OPEN POSITION Position: Middle School Spring Play Director. Description: The play director will report to the building principal. The director will be responsible for the selection, casting, rehearsals and all phases of the production of the spring play. Additional duties include advertising, public relations and financial responsibilities of the production. Spring casting will be March 3, 4 and 5, with the middle school play on May 8 and 9, 1998. Qualifications: Experience in dramatic production as on stage, directing, or in productions. Salary: According to the terms of the Master Agreement. Apply to: Kent S. Reynolds, Superintendent, Crawford AuSable School District, 403 Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738. (517) 348-7641. Deadline: February 20, 1998. Crawford AuSable School District, Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Statement.
-12-19/3

AVON $8-$18/hr. No door-to-door, quick cash, fun and relaxing. 1-800-736-0168.
-19/3

RE/MAX OF GRAYLING has expanded and has immediate openings. Looking for highly motivated Sales Agents to work full time. Excellent pay. Looking for team players to be a part for a professional organization. Real Estate background preferred but not necessary. Contact Craig or Charlene at RE/MAX of Grayling for more details at (517) 348-7440 or 1-800-731-4002.
-19-26/3

THE DAIRY QUEEN will be opening Friday, February 28th.
-19/3

5. For Sale

COME EARLY TO SPIKE'S for our Friday night fish fry. Just $5.95, adults, $3.25 for kids, beginning at 4 p.m.
1/15/98tf/5

BAYLINER 1950 CAPRI, 3L, Mercruiser I/O, trailer, top and more. With limited time factory rebates, now only $9,988 plus freight and prep. New 1998 model. Many other '98's with rebates up to $1,500. Terms. Spicer's Boat City, M-55 next to High School, Houghton Lake. 517-366-8400. Closed Wed.
-19-26/5

LUND 16 FT. REBEL Carpeted floor, two padded swivel seats, custom trailer, 25 Merc. electric start, new 1998. Buy now at only $5,995 plus freight and prep, and get a free mooring cover and extended warranty on motor. Spicer's Boat City, M-55 next to High School, Houghton Lake. 517-366-8400. Closed Wed.
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PONTOON BUYS! 18 ft. Smokercraft, large 22" tubes, Bimini top, full furniture, 25 HP Merc. electric start. Sale $6,997 plus tax. New 1997. Many others. Spicer's Boat City, M-55 next to High School, Houghton Lake. 517-366-8400. Closed Wed.
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FOUR WINNS $500 to $1,000 factory rebate on most '97 and '98 models now. Spicer's Boat City, M-55 next to High School, Houghton Lake. 517-366-8400. Closed Wed.
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PONTOON TRAILERS at pre-season prices. Big choice of models, priced right. Spicer's Boat City, M-55 next to High School, Houghton Lake. 517-366-8400. Closed Wed.
-19-26/5

FOR SALE compound bow with case and accessories, $150; Rossignal 203 skis with bindings and poles, $125; Nordica 786 ski boots, size 9-10, $80. Call 348-7723 after 5 p.m.
-19/5

5. For Sale

PLATFORM HITCH -GM fits '92 to '98 full size Blazer, Tahoe and Suburban. $50 firm. 348-9092.
-19/5

FOR SALE: Computer with color printer and software, $650. Call 348-7794 after 5 p.m. or leave message.
-19/5

SUPER NINTENDO with two controllers, $50. Also 13 games, $15 a piece. Call 348-3156.
-19/5

HAY FOR SALE Large round bales. Phone 517-676-1412.
-19/5

BIRD HOUSES AND FEEDERS Pine, oak, cedar, many designs. 348-1776.
-19/5

GLASS CHINA CABINET with three shelves and base. Dark wood tone, $50. Call 348-1776.
-19/5

6. Wanted

CRAFTSMAN historic farm/barn being razed for future development. Looking for individuals able to remove and use rustic paneling, beams, flooring from structures. Contact Tom Fous at 1-800-841-0303. Insured individuals/ contractors only.
-19-26-5-12/6

WANTED 14' X 70' mobile home in decent shape. To be moved to my property. Land contract preferred. 810-779-6709, leave message.
-19-26/6

8. Announcements

STOP INTO THE SAWMILL for our home made soups and check out our menu. (Take out available).
-12-19/8

WELCOME WAGON HOSTESSES Call Betty Mansfield, 348-8562, or Mary Lou Passmore, 348-5816, if you are a newcomer, engaged or a new mother.
8/3/85tf/8

ATTENTION BINGO PLAYERS
Beginning March 1st the Eagles Ladies Auxiliary Bingo will no longer be holding Wednesday am Bingo. ***It will be held on Sunday's at 1:30 pm***
-19-26

7. Miscellaneous

LOST GRAYLING AREA on 2-3-98, silver bracelet w/frog links. Reward, anniversary gift. Call 348-5132.
-12-18/7

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FREE CASH GRANTS! College, Scholarships, Business, Medical bills. Never repay. Toll free 1-800-218-9000 Ext. G-8887.
-29-5-12-19/8

SPIKE'S now has lunch specials. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Mon. - Fri.
-1/22/98tf/8

Custom Rubber Stamps
available at the AVALANCHE

Chill Out To Some Hot Tunes
Speak Easy Saloon
Presents Live Entertainment
Tuesday thru Saturday
Feb. 17 - 21 • Risque'



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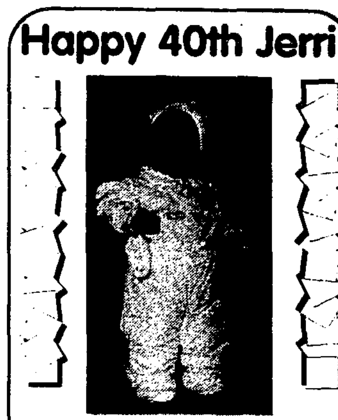
11. Automotive

9. Personals

YES THERE IS such a thing as a free lunch. See Wendy's ad in this edition.
-12-19/9

Happy 34th Birthday Art
Love, Pam, Nikkie & Kids

Happy 40th Jerri



Love you, Mom, Dad, Jonni & Jack Jr.

10. Garage Sales

CRAFT SHOW/BAKE SALE. Sponsored by the Grayling American Legion Auxiliary at Grayling Post (back door) on Saturday March 7, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Call 517-348-1369 or 348-1228.
-12-19-26-5/10

THIRD ANNUAL INSIDE yard sale. Sat., February 21st, 9-3, at Timber Rapid Adventure Golf (next to Ole Dam Rd. Party Store). Reclining chair, toys, books, clothing, word processor and many household items.
-19/10

ST. FRANCIS THRIFT SHOP
6445 West M-72
Grayling, Michigan 49738
1-517-348-2572
$2 BAG SALE
(good thru 2/28/98)
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, 10 am - 4 pm
Saturday 10 am - 2 pm

11. Automotive

1988 ECONOLINE VAN New lower end, put in motor by licenced mechanic, bearings, oil pump, new battery. Blue booked at $3,500, asking $2,500 or best. Health, reason for selling. 103 Stuart Pl. Call 348-5511.
-19/11

High School Band, brass quintet will highlight Pre-Festival concert

The Community Education Cultural Events Series continues Thursday (Feb. 19) when the Encore Brass Ensemble, a wing of the Encore Society of Music, performs with the Grayling High School Concert Band in the annual pre-festival concerts at 7:30 p.m. in the Joseph Stripe Auditorium at GHS.

This performance, which has become a traditional part of the series, will feature the Grayling High School Band, under the direction of Dennis Ormsbee and assisted by David Goff. The band will perform selections which it will perform for state competitions.

Dennis Ormsbee received his Bachelor of Music Education degree from Northern Michigan University and has done additional work at Northern Michigan College, University of Wisconsin and University of Michigan. He is currently in his 26th year of teaching, 13 of which have been in the Crawford AuSable Schools where his first high school band included only 17 members.

He has served MSBOA as district first vice-president, and has been a long-time member of MSBOA's festival improvements committee. He has guest conducted district honors bands, and has been twice nominated as MSBOA's band teacher of the year. His is also a member of the American School Band Director's Association, and the organization has awarded the Grayling High School Band its prestigious Award of Excellence. He and his wife have three children, who are all accomplished musicians in their own right.

The two part concert will open with selections performed by the Encore Brass Ensemble whose members include: Darrell Graves and Kunio Quellette on trumpet, Curt Wilson on French horn, Jerry Rupe on trombone and Jason Sannis on tuba.

For the second half of the performance, the GHS Band will perform. Selections include: *Band of Gold* Concert March,George Kenny; *Once to Every Man and Nation*, Anne McGinty; *American River Songs, Pierre LaPlante (Down the River, Shenandoah, Across the Wide Missouri, The Glendy Burk*, and *The Bamboula Theme.)*

Following the concert, patrons may meet the members of the band and help send them off to state competitions. Tickets for this performance are $3 for Students and Seniors and $4 for Adults and may be purchased at the door.

This concert is made possible with the financial support of our sponsors, corporations and the Michigan Counsel for the Arts and Cultural Affairs.

Three from Crawford County support Vietnam monument

Three persons from Crawford County are among founding sponsors of the Michigan Vietnam Monu-ment.

Listed on recent information supplied by the Vietnam Monument Commission are Lyle St. John and Floyd J. Guernsey of Grayling, and Larkin Baker of Frederic.

They participated in the campaign to raise funds to build the monument on the State Capitol grounds in Lansing. Goal is to raise $2.3 million.

The Vietnam Monument will be the first project included in the proposed Michigan All Veterans Park, located behind the State Capitol and in line with the Michigan Historical Library and Museum.

The design integrates a 108-foot long, eight foot high arc of steel, raised three feet above the ground, and supported at each end by concrete piers.

Names of the 2,649 persons from Michigan who died in the Vietnam War will be inscribed on panels fastened to the arc. The back of the panels will reflect other Vietnam era related events.

We are on the World Wide Web now!!
Visit our site at:
www.townnews.com/avalanche/

11. Automotive

1988 CHEVY CORSICA blue, four door, all new brakes, new muffler, clean, runs great, $1,500. Call 517-348-1782 after 5 p.m. -19-26/11

4 X 4 1997 CHEVY V-8, full size. New $900 fiberglass topper. Loaded, you name it, it's on it! 23,000 miles, $21,200. 517-348-8738. -19/11

1992 CHEVROLET S10 ext. cab, V6, 86,000 miles,looks good, runs great, asking $4,999. 1994 Chevrolet full size pick-up with canvas cover, 71,000 miles, extra clean, asking$10,900. 1993 Pontiac Gran Prix SE, V6, 92,000 miles, bright red, clean economical transportation, asking $5,995. Call Ron or leave message at 517-348-6761. -2/19/98tf/11

1978 FORD F250 4 X 4 Must see. 351 modified, lift, roll bar, many new parts. Great condition. 517-732-0399. $3,000 O.B.O. -19/11

NOTICE

The following vehicle will be offered for sale at public auction to be held a 10 am on Friday, Feb. 20, 1998, at the lobby of the Crawford County Sheriff Department. The vehicle is located at Wakeley Auto Parts at 568 Shadow Land Drive, Grayling. If anyone is interested in viewing the vehicle prior to sale.

1989 CHEV:Vin. #1G1LZ54W8KY247875

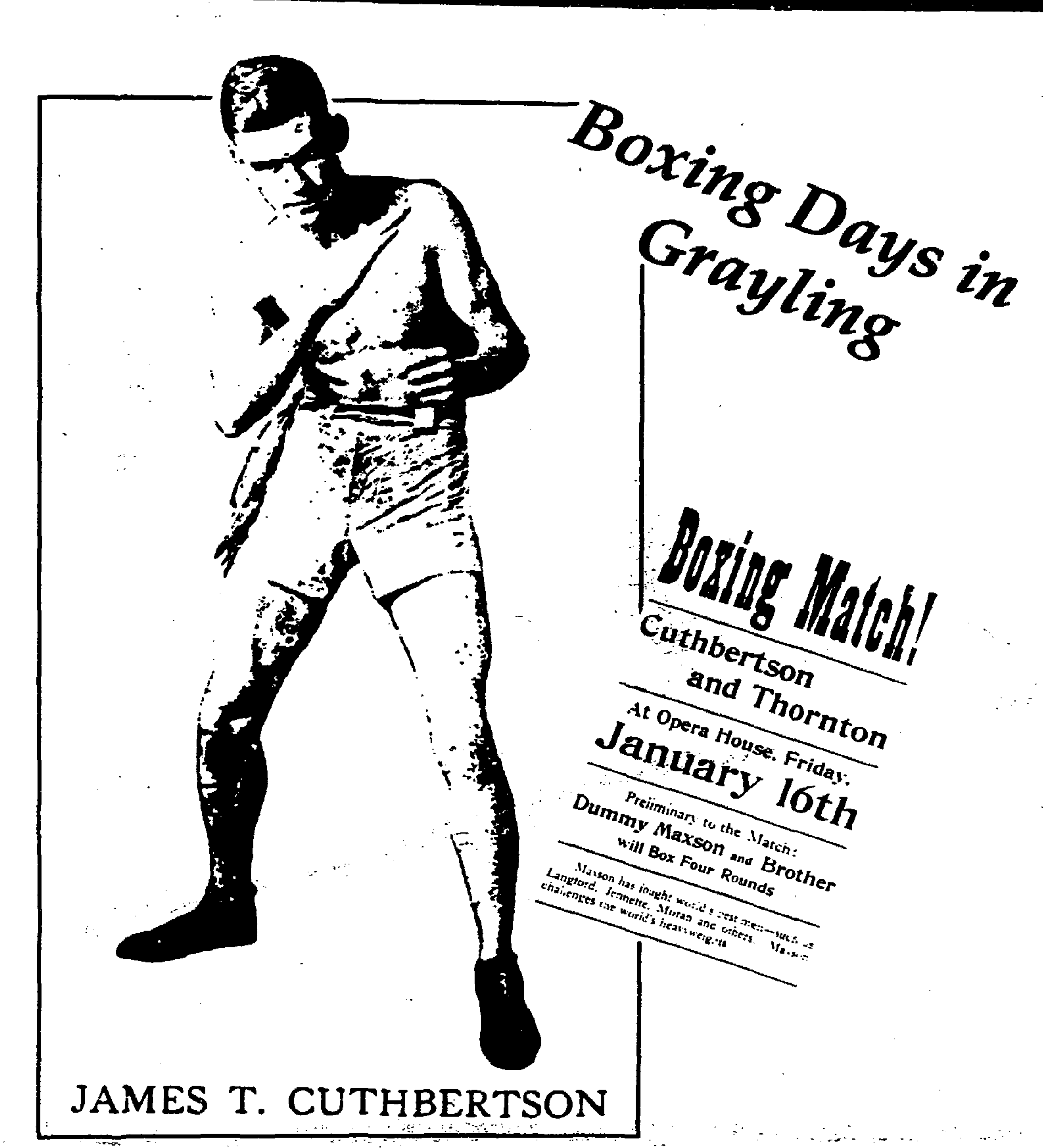
For further information, please contact Deputy Dean L. Goss #4 at the Crawford County Sheriff Department, 200 West Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI. 348-4616. -19/11

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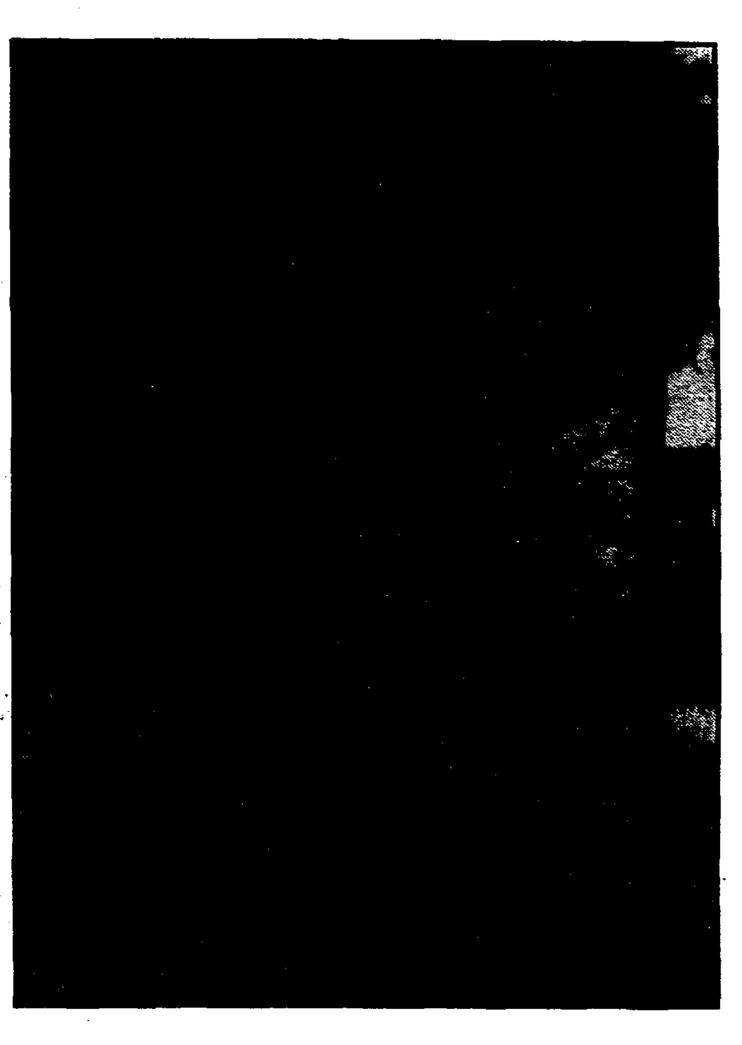
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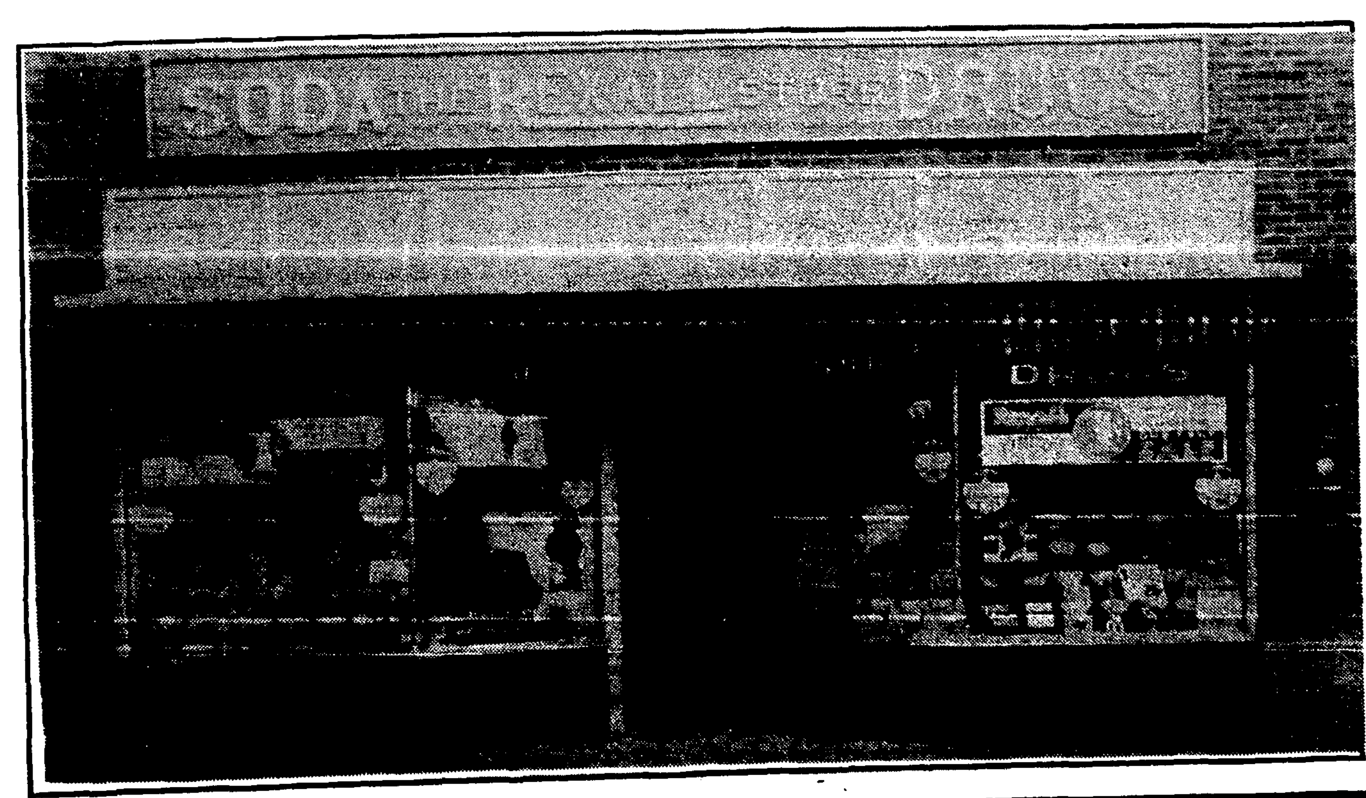


First Service Station in Grayling

History of Mac's Drug Store



The interior of Mac's Drug Store in 1943.



Exterior view of Mac's Drug Store around 1943.

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Grayling – 1897

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As the New Year turned from 1896 to 1897, the world eye focused on the nation's politics and Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee celebration. William McKinley was being inaugurated as president, and Uncle Sam was depicted by the press as a cartoon character, often shown striding across the globe, feet nearly in two oceans at once, as he sported a tall top hat, striped pants, formal morning coat and vest emblazoned with stars.

Annexing Hawaii was not a popular idea in that age. But, with no television, news was slow and moved only across the printed page.

Democrats sniped endlessly, in print, at republicans over tariff problems and the frustrating issue of the nation's coinage, and Republicans, of course, sniped right back. When Democrats fell to moaning that the economy was in decline, Republicans denied it by saying "even the calamity shriekers are compelled to admit to better conditions in the Republic."

The arguments the politicians used then were as unconvincing and terribly familiar as they are today. Even Grayling did not escape this electrifying political intrigue.

"*The Avalanche* nearly went into convulsions last year because the printing committee — it claimed — was all Democrats. This year, there is no question about its being composed of all republicans. We're waiting to see what effect it will have on our contemporary," reported *The Northern Democrat*

There were two newspapers in Grayling in 1897, and though they featured many of the same advertisements for businesses like Salling, Hanson and Co. and Hyman Joseph's dry goods and general store, the professional space was conspicuously divided.

Attorneys found in the masthead of *The Democrat* were J. Maurice Finn, Joseph Patterson, Charles DeWaele, and Tuttle and Connine, while those in *The Avalanche* were O. J .Palmer, George Alexander, and the majority of the physicians and tonsorial artists.

When the crippling floods of 1897 submerged 6,000 square miles of Tennessee, Arkansas, Mississippi and Illinois, swamping entire villages and towns, the horror appeared on the front pages of both Grayling newspapers. But, when Mary Sorenson advertised inside the pages of *The Avalanche* — "Lost, Pet coon. He's strayed away and any information as to his whereabouts will be thankfully received and paid for. I will come take him away myself." — she only advertised in one paper.

Life in Grayling 100 years ago — except for the fact the streets were unpaved — wasn't much different from how we find it today. Fresh vegetables and fruits were available "every day at the Central Market," and Phil Moshier was "selling firewood from his home on Ogemaw for 75 cents a cord." This same property is still occupied by the Moshier family.

And the village was always full of bargains! bargains! bargains!

Salling, Hanson and Co. was, hawking "provisions, shovels, and ladies underwear at bargain prices. With the purchase of a stove or refrigerator," the ad continued onto another page, with a picture of" a beautiful porcelain chamber set is included for 'free' for shopping with us."

These "bargain prices" appeared in both weekly papers, while the H. Joseph Co. , owned by a far more creative ad man, was again "dissolving my partnership." This perpetual dissolution was always necessitating the need to "close out my entire stock of goods. Everything, I mean everything must be sacrificed!" The "ladies scarlet all-wool underwear at 75 cents" was certainly appealing.

J. W. Sorenson meanwhile sold "fresh bulk oranges, lemons, canned goods, confectionery and cigars. He also featured the Ladie's Home Journal, Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly, the Nickel, the Strand, and McClure's magazines." Another Sorenson brother, Olef, was the owner of a "salted and fresh meat market." This establishment featured "good prices on tinned lard."

Yet another Sorenson family enterprise was the Manistee House. "Sorenson and Johnson, proprietors, offer a full supply of wines, liquors and cigars. Our new pool table must be seen to be appreciated." Several pool and billiard parlors boasted the very same thing, including Robinson and Blanchett and Hartwick and Burton.

Because saloons were abundant, no week passed without the legal court section making mention of some fine to be paid or a nose being put out of joint because of drink. One item reads:

"Kittie Wahle vs. Eugene McKay, John Rasmusson and Joseph Burton. This was a civil damage case arising from a row over a game of poker in McKays saloon last fall. During the ruckus, Fred Wahle lost part of his nose. The case was hotly contested, and occasioned unusual comment, especially by the peculiar action of witnesses, and resulted in a verdict for the plaintiff of $75.00, with costs to defendants." (May 20, 1897)

John Rasmusson, proprietor of the Grayling House, however, ran a different sort of place and kept his ad short but informative. This was one of the few Grayling businesses to actually tell people where they were located. His ad — every week — said "hotel near depot and business houses. Newly built, furnished first class, and heated by steam. We have fine sample rooms for commercial travelers and good hot food."

The world in 1897 also became occupied with Kipling's publication of *Captain's Courageous*, and H. G. Wells' *The Invisible Man*. These books were for sale in Grayling, too. And, though artists Matisse and Rodin were both being recognized and discussed locally, the loss of classical composer Johannes Brahms was devastating to the serious music world. This sad news, also, was mentioned by the Ladies Aid Society during a luncheon.

The Northern Democrat reported that a horrible famine raged in India, and that the national debt was teetering at $1 billion dollars. *The Avalanche* was reporting that, too, and it also noted that "Hugo Schreiber has left for New York to take steamer to Saxony, Germany, his old home town, to visit." Near this item was a reminder that "upper crust people use Upper Crust Flower." An odd mix, to be sure, but it seemed to work.

"LaGrippe is making the citizens of Grayling wish they were dead," *The Avalanche* continued. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kraus delivered a daughter on April 20 and a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Jens Rasmusson. A 12-1/2 lb. daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ochs of Jack Pine and they were "all reported to be doing well."

Grayling formed a Bicycle Club in April of 1897, and every front and middle page advertised the new phenomenon. Albert Kraus offered a "fine line of fishing tackle, Oliver, Wiard, Greenville, and Bay City Plows, plus all variety of tin goods," and his business was the first one to offer "a high grade of bicycle. Get a Waverly!" as the new ad cried.

Kraus also handled "Detroit White Lead Works Paint." And even though Salling, Hanson and Co. carried Sherwin Williams paints "at our usual bargain prices," Kraus always beat their price in his own ad the following week.

Joe Rosenthall was having another "going out of business sale about then too, and was selling "$5.00 suits for $2.75," and he was promising "50 cent shirts for 38 cents. Also, men's Oxblood shoes for $2.19 a pair." Sometimes these going out of businesses lasted for months. One business turned over a couple times in the news items, but the ads never changed at all — just continued to go out of business.

There never seemed to be a shortage of sales around town either. Once when the "Munson, best writing machine on the market" appeared in an ad, the Grayling Postmaster complained because of all the catalogues coming in while his salary had just been cut $100 a year by the Board of Supervisors. Even *The Avalanche* had a sale going on — a copy of the *Michigan Farm* and the newspaper for $1.85 a year.

The graduating class of 1897 consisted of — Marian Woodfield, William Taylor, Elmer H. Trumley, Winfield Eickhoff, Laura Simpson, Charles E. Marvin, Anna S. Canfield, Olaf Michelson, Earl Ingerson, Hanna H. Blanshan, Guy Butler, Mary L. Staley, Gladys E. Hadley, and Iva E. Francis. Fourteen students then ... not a bad increase in 100 years.

It was also announced that Alex Michelson and Holgar Hanson were now on their way to Marquette by train. They were attending their second year of classes at Michigan Mining Institute, the paper said. The pages were filled with events and parties surrounding the graduation and the various departures or visits of the town's young people. Grayling never was an island.

In that same issue, word had it that a new meat market was opening in the Comer building by Charles Sobanski of Gaylord. A cryptic snippet appeared following this announcement. It said that "things are so hard in Gaylord, that everyone is starting to talk of restricting families to one dog each. If that comes about, more than 300 dogs would have to be disposed of in some manner." Accident or design? Only Oscar Palmer ever knew that.

Was it also pure chance that the very next ad read "Green ground bones can be bought at George W. Comers — it makes hens lay — three cents a pound!"

And my-my, so many people came to town in 1897. These proclamations often used up the space allotted local

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news in its entirety.

In one day, Henry Feldhauser of Blaine was in town, as was Henry Hartman of Grove, John Hanna of Beaver Creek, C. Z. Horton of Frederic, Peter Stephan of Grove, and Joe Charron of Maple Forest This writer can only wonder if they all wandered into *The Avalanche* first, so their appearance would be duly noted.

It was rumored that Mr. and Mrs. David Trotter were returning to Grayling to occupy the Benson property and it was also noted that Nels Michelson "had produced a beautiful piano for his daughter's birthday." Nothing was too small or trivial to print.

Like the day that the "Ingerson residence and barn on Michigan Avenue was advertised for sale, S. S. Claggett bought Jasper Hoesli's residence for $900." The Claggetts also had a "men's and boys wear, and girls and women's wear store, all items at bargain prices." For "a mere $47.50, you can purchase a Lyon and Healy organ with five octaves, 122 reeds, 11 stops, two knee wells, two couplers, all in a handsome walnut or oak case. Send for our catalogue today."

Yes, sales abounded and it was nowhere near Christmas.

Braden and Forbes furniture store (later to become Hanson and Braden) had sewing machines, and they boasted in print "we buy no 'prison made goods' and therefore, we sell none." The announcement was also made that week that the Grayling Opera House and Masonic Lodge Committee had awarded the building contract to Mssrs. Forbes and Ambjorson for their new building.

The newspapers of 1897, it seems, printed every tiny scrap of available information. When the Ladies Aid Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church had a "Grand Musical and Literary Entertainment," it was later noted that "while the entertainment was outstanding, it was a failure in the way of adding to their finances."

One just considered the luck of the draw, I guess. The Epworth League also suffered such public indignities, as did every losing candidate for public office. Votes were counted publicly and so were the "sins of the sinners."

If the newspaper publishers of 1897 thought everything was quotable or notable, the items were included in the next week's paper. Little was sacred.

For example:

"A new house is being erected on the lot near W. S. Chalkers' property. As usual, a large force of men are being put to work on the building on Sunday. This is in violation of the law of the State and without any regard to the opinions of those who live in the neighborhood and who do not like the sound of noisy hammers and saws on Sunday."

The economic life in 1897 might well have revolved around the lumbering business, but socially, Grayling had an Opera House, several churches, fraternal and veterans organizations. These groups were hosting some special event nearly every week, including ice cream socials, picnics, parades, and numberless "Grand Entertainments."

Traveling circuses set up near the railroad yards with the promise of featuring "more riders, better jugglers, acrobats and general performers than any other aggregation that has ever visited your city." Show bills called for "the coming in of a new, colossal railroad show, with zoological wonders and historical wild west exhibits, daring feats of skillful horsemanship and — Real Indians with their squaws and papooses."

The townships were visited through frequent news clips from their own local correspondents. When scarlet fever visited one of the settlements, everyone knew; when the crops failed or did well, they also knew that, as well. When the infant son of the painter Jenson died, Grayling and the collective townships mourned the child. As disease ravaged the crops and the people — everyone seemed to care about everyone else.

When J. Maurice Finn visited his brother and reported that the Cripple Creek mines were turning out "$1 million dollars worth of gold every month," the cigars, he said "are on me." Neighbors were gracious, and often invited everyone to their to-dos. Eli Forbush was famous for his summertime ice cream picnics and games, and dances were often held at Portage Creek — now Lake Margrethe — during the summer. "The Rasmus Hanson Dining Hall bulged with guests and delicious dishes," one item claimed.

The railroads, too, tied the community together in 1897.

Michigan Central, the Queen and Crescent Route, Duluth, Southshore and Atlantic Route, all offered glamorous trips to here and there. The favored one was Michigan Central's trip to "Niagara Falls for five wonderful days and nights." Their advertisements were abundant in their praise of offering "Pullman, boudoir sleepers and excellent meals for low, low prices."

In 1897, Grayling had doctors, lawyers, surveyors, a dentist, and Lucien Fournier's Drug Store, which featured everything from "stationary, drugs, chemicals, fancy toilet articles, perfumery, school supplies and books, tobacco, cigars, and a complete line of patented medicines."

The Avalanche noted in one issue that "Mr. and Mrs. Fournier" one of their most prodigious advertisers, "will hereafter do their perambulating on wheels — as they are each the possessor of new wheels — the best in the country."

The following week — and true to form — the same publication mentioned that "L. Fournier goes to trial for keeping his Drug Store open on Sundays. After long arguments and considerable bad feelings, a new trial was ordered."

Because bicycles were the rage of the day in 1897, several varieties were available by mail order. But if waiting or price were at the issue, Albert Kraus was always certain to have "the sturdy Waverly" on hand.

The bicycle actually increased so fast in popularity, that "the wheelmen of Gaylord have become so numerous that the village council was obliged to pass an ordinance forbidding bicycles to use the sidewalks."

In another note, "bicycle riders have made a path from Gaylord to Bagley Point on Otsego lake. The Waters riders have built a path north, and when this link is finished, they will have a path 11 miles long."

Then, it was bicycle paths — today, it's snowmobile trails. What has really changed?

Because newspapers of 1897 were weekly in nature and were published by hand, it is still remarkable just how much information they were nonetheless able to furnish a community as far north as Grayling. The weather was discussed, the world was reviewed in gory detail, and every dead horse or lost pet was faithfully reported.

Every week, new and interesting pieces appeared such as "Cornell's girl crew in the boat, shoeing horses, how to soften and whiten the skin, and making cider vinegar. Others were mulching information, make your own variety

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feeds for hogs, non-hatching eggs blamed on early cooling, and Togs for tots." There was even a piece on how to go about "moving big chimneys."

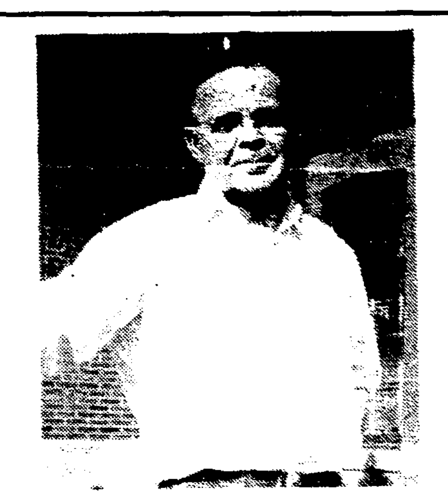
A faithful reader could keep abreast with Uncle Sam, the war in Greece and the barbarity of the Turks, and the lavish funeral arrangements of "the Diamond King, Barnett Isaacs Barnato. His estimated net worth is between $300 and $500 million dollars. It was reported — "Barnato committed suicide by jumping into the ocean from a steamer that was bearing him home to England."

Another feature that took up quite a bit of front page space was the "Race between the yachts — Buffalo's Enquirer and Chicago's Pathfinder." At first, it was of enormous interest. Each ship cost $75,000 — a king's ransom in 1897 — but, "the Pathfinder gave up the chase half way up Lake Michigan, ending all wagers in favor of the Enquirer."

Perhaps the most vital news a small community could obtain from its weekly newspaper was fashion and farm news. A reader could locate a "clod crusher" and a housewife would know exactly when "Claggett's sock factory has been running night and day to the point of excess," requesting the community to, "please help us reduce our inventories of leather stockings and hosiery."

Here is the slate of Crawford County public officials elected for 1897. Sheriff — William S. Chalker; Clerk — James W. Hartwick, lumberman, Sunrise Club member; Register — John Leece, register of deeds and justice of peace; Treasurer — John Rasmusson, livery stable owner; Prosecuting Attorney — J. Patterson, owner *The Northern Democrat* ; Judge of Probate — J. J. Coventry, attorney; Crawford County Commissioner — J. K. Wright; Surveyor — William Blanshan. Board of Supervisors: Grove — Thomas Wakeley, great grandfather of Crawford County Treasurer-Joe Wakely; South Branch — I. H. Richardson; Beaver Creek — Washington Steward; Maple Forest — J. J. Neiderer, great grandfather of 1998 County Commissioner Lynnette Corlew; Grayling — George W. Cromer, meats and fruits; Frederic — C. W. Barber; Ball — J. E. Kellogg, farmer and lumberman who built the Kellogg School on the north branch in 1909; Blaine — F. F. Horsli, pioneer farmer; Center Plains — A. Emory.

McNamara's - Three generations of druggist



CHARLES "CJ" MCNAMARA-- "CJ" attended pharmacy school in 1905 because of a lucky toss of a coin.

Cheryll A. Ruley
Special Writer

The McNamara family originated in County Cork, Ireland, where they farmed the land.

Around 1880, Michael McNamara came to America and opened a half-way house, for travellers, in Gladwin, Mich. What point of entry he used is not known.

Michael met and married Mary McCarthy. They had four children, Frank, Charles, Florian and Abigail. The whole family worked around the half-way house and farm.

Frank had a daughter named Abigail, after his sister. She was close in age to Charles. A time came when the family had to decide who would get a college education.

As the story goes, a coin toss was used to decide if Charles or Abigail would go away to college. Apparently,

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MAC'S FIRST STORE--James Gidley purchased the A.M. Lewis Drugstore, renamed it Mac and Gidley's, and put Charles McNamara in charge.

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KEEPING SHOP --Marjorie and Charles McNamara, Jr. share duties at the soda fountain at Mac and Gidley's.

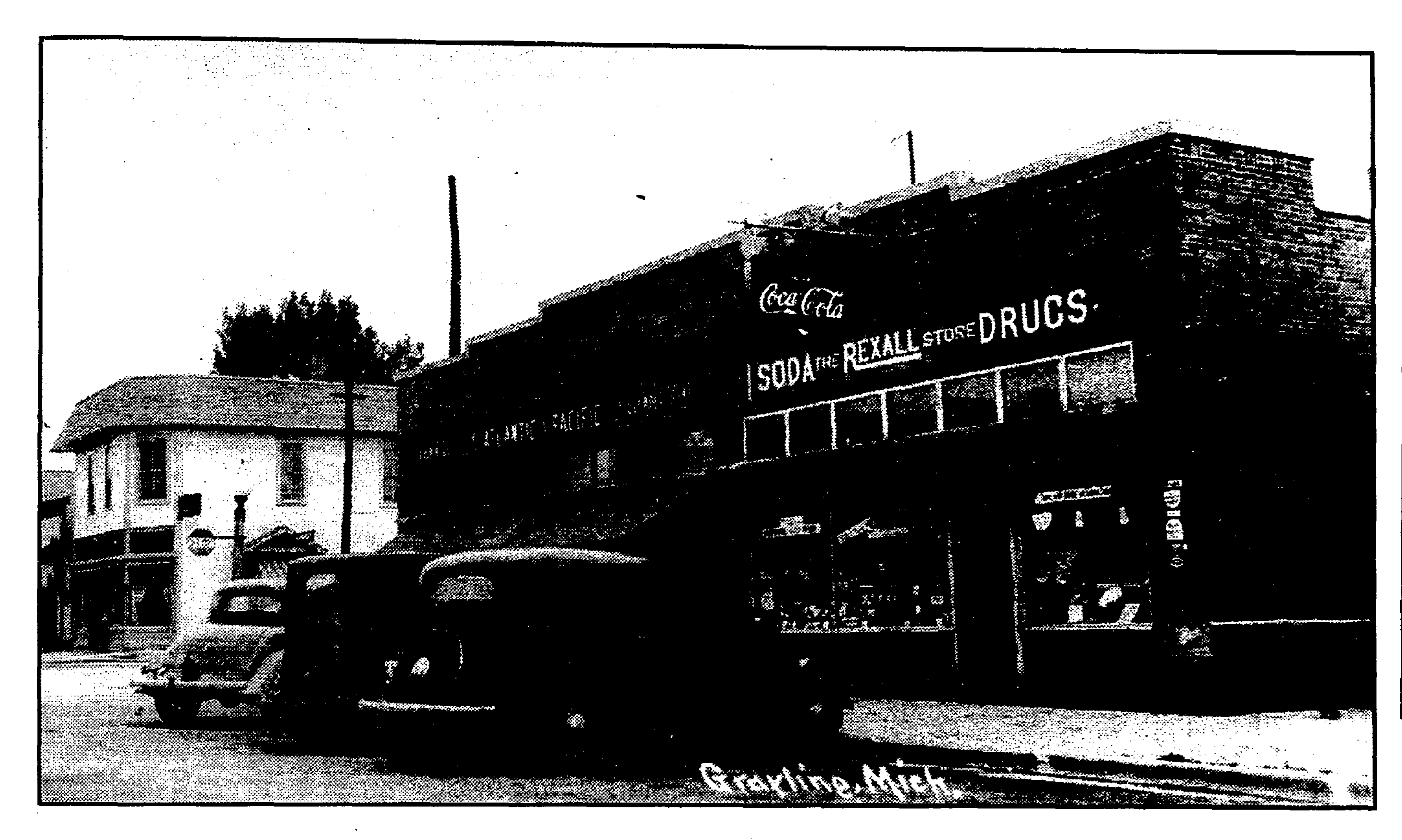
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Charles won the coin toss and attended pharmacy school at Valparaiso, IN in 1905. Thus, the family pharmacy trade was born.

Charles worked as a druggist for James Gidley in East Jordan at Gidley's Drugstore.

Then, in 1918, Charles and James joined in a partnership

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CIRCA 1939-41— The Mac and Gidley Drugstore was neighbors with the old A&P store.



AIRPORT DEDICATION — McNamara airport was dedicated to fallen son, Charles, Jr. in 1948. Pictured from left: Marjorie McNamara, Gov. Kim Sigler and Charles McNamara, Sr.

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and the store was renamed Gidley and Mac's. In 1925, Charles moved to Grayling when he and Gidley bought a drug store from Addison M. Lewis. Charles would operate the business while James ran the store in East Jordan. They named the Grayling store Mac and Gidley's.

Charles married his sweetheart, Marjorie and had two sons, Charles, Jr. and Larry.

Tragedy struck the family when young Charles, Jr. died in a plane crash near Alma, Mich. shortly before World War II, leaving Larry the only McNamara to carry on the family name.

In July, 1945, Charles, Sr. became sole owner of what came to be known as Mac's Drug's, when the McNamara-Gidley partnership was amicably dissolved. Gidley retired and turned the East Jordan store over to his son, Hugh, and Charles took ownership of the Grayling store.

In 1948, the McNamara Airport was dedicated to Charles J. McNamara, Jr. Attending the dedication ceremony was Governor Kim Sigler.



LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON--Michael and Larry McNamara in a recent photo, not long before Mac's Drugstore closed in 1997.



SCHOOL DAYS — Larry McNamara's fifth grade class at what is now Grayling Middle School. Larry is the good-looking dark-haired boy seated at the center desk.

Larry McNamara joined the U.S. Navy in 1950. In January, 1952, Larry left for Pendleton Point, CA to await orders to be shipped off to Korea. HM3 Larry McNamara spent three years, nine months and 28 days in the Navy, a year of which was served in Korea. He received two Purple Hearts while assisting the Marines as a medic during the Korean War.

Upon his return to the states and his discharge from the Navy, Larry attended Ferris State University's pharmacy school. He also took classes at Central Michigan University, where he met Maureen (Mo) Campau in Dr. Miller's English 102 class, during their sophomore year.

The romance blossomed after Mo asked Larry to a dance. He accepted the invitation and, not too long after

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that, they married.

In 1953, Larry took over the family business upon the death of his mother. Marjorie had been running the store since the death of Charles, Sr. when Larry was just 17 years old.

Larry and Mo have five children, Michael, Mary Elizabeth (Mary Liz), Patrick (P.J.), Shannon and Shawn (Riley). Since Mac's was a "family business", everyone pitched in at the store.

Michael worked at the store for 17 years, bringing the business into the computer age. Larry and Mo had a lot of confidence in Michael's abilities and pretty much let him take over the store's modernization.

Larry and Michael served their customers well. Their work philosophy was to personalize their services and to fill prescriptions so that no one waited more than 15 minutes for their medicine. The pair filled as many as 400 prescriptions in one day.

Michael is married to Beverly (nee Burzynski) and they have two sons, John and Charley. They reside in Grayling.

Mary Liz is married to Eric (Rick) Schlosser and they have two sons, Casey and Noah. They live in Bernardsville, N.J.

Patrick (P.J.) is married to Catherine (Katy, nee Shuster) and they have two sons, Alex and Richard (Rocky). They live in Grayling.

Shannon married Michael Verklan. They have two daughters, Madeline and Caroline. They live in Plymouth, Mich.

Shawn (Riley) and Stacey (nee Arrigoni) were wed in August, 1997 in Chicago, Ill.. They live in Palatine, Ill..

In honor of the family name, both Mary Liz and Shannon have given their children the middle name of McNamara.

The McNamara's gave a lot to their community, helping form the Little League and sponsoring numerous sports teams over the years. Mo said, "The community did a lot for our business. So, we needed to give something back to the community."

In retirement now, one of Larry's favorite things remains the Hoot Owl Club, started by his father and some friends, back in the mid-1930's. The Hoot Owl Club cabin is a busy place during deer hunting season and has been updated many times over the years.

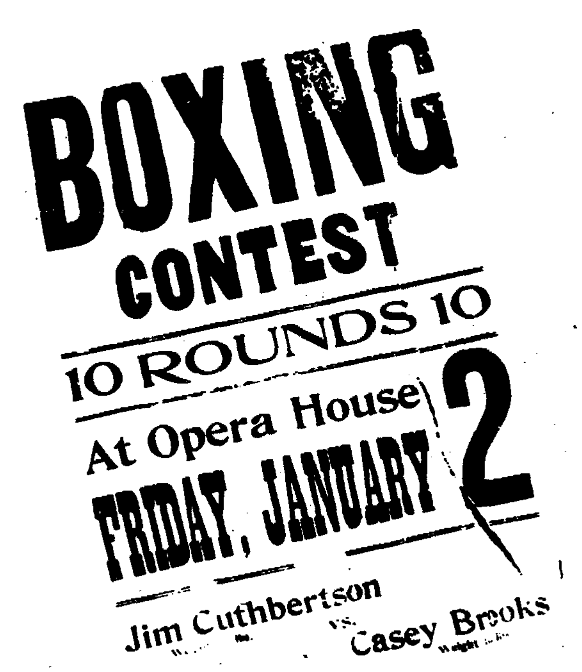


THE HOOT OWL CLUB — Deer hunting season has never been the same since Charlie McNamara and some friends got together and started the club in a small cabin east of Grayling. These original members, standing, from left: Otto Peterson, Archie Kennedy, Carl Hanson, Ernie Borchers, unknown, Arnold Burrows and Charlie McNamara. Seated, from left: T.P. Peterson, Abe Joseph, Dr. Claude Keyport, Nels Corwin, George Hilton and Menno Corwin. Photo circa early 1930's.

The cabin has gone from a small rustic hideaway, containing a woodstove and a Delco power plant built into the shed, to a place of modern conveniences. It now has running water, a bathroom with a shower, electricity for the television and refrigerator and a gas space heater for warmth. There have been rumors of installation of a hot tub at the cabin, located 11 miles east of Grayling, but there is no evidence of one.

Mac's Drug's closed in 1997 for good. Riverland Gear and Riverland Photo Processing and Dry Cleaning are presently doing business at the location on Michigan Avenue in Grayling.

Cuthbertson - Boxing days in Grayling



Fay Bovee
Special Writer

We had heard of the Golden Glove boxing days in Grayling, but we had never heard of boxing bouts here in the early part of the century. Until John Cuthbertson of Saginaw visited the Crawford County Historical Museum with an offer of his father's boxing mementos. The following is the story of James Cuthbertson's boxing days as a Grayling boxer, part of the story in his son's words and part of it from articles from the Avalanche and pictures of posters advertising the events.

James Cuthbertson became a prominent boxer in Grayling in the early days of World War I and from several news articles and posters that his son has furnished us it appears that the people of Grayling enjoyed the boxing at the old Opera House. John states that "he really appreciates the oppportunity to be able to share and give back a portion of his father's fond memories of a town that was so good to him as a young man. Grayling was always special to his heart."

"James Cuthbertson was born at Omer, Michigan, on August 15, 1893, to Edward and Ruby (Tillotson) Cuthbertson; the father was a lumberjack. Ruby died in 1899 and Jim was placed in the home of his aunt, Mrs. James Harrison of Standish. He lived there until 1913 when at the age of 19 he moved to Grayling to live with his brother and sister-in-law, John and Mattie (Macabee) Cuthbertson. John worked for the railroad in Grayling and got Jim a job in the railroad yards.

"It all began in Grayling, there weren't any TV's or radios, so boxing was a big time local entertainment. At nineteen years of age, it was a big step. He took on seasoned men, but was quickly respected as a hard man to do business with in a boxing ring. His brother, John, was his corner man and manager which was important to a young kid."

"Prize fights became the center of life in some towns as it was their only claim to fame. The 4th of July fights drew crowds from miles around. Some were open-air affairs with some mighty 'tuff crowds. Lumberjack weekends were continuous fighting in most places."

"Dad was listed as, Jim Cuthbertson of Grayling, Middleweight Champion of Northern Michigan. He fought the best of them around. Mobility was at a premium but he took on different weight levels to keep challenged."

"Some boxing matches were limited up to a knockout. T.W. Hanson would not allow a 'KO' in Grayling. Other counties were wide open which meant you could 'KO' the challenger. Dad fought many matches and here are some he 'KOed' or won by decision, in terms of what was allowed: Clyde Maxson, Dummy Maxson, Casey Brooks, Sam Johnson, Kid Thornton, Eddie Cooper, Joe Nassar, Billy Johnson, and Jimmy Brady."

"By 1917, World War I became heated up and single men were taken into the Army. Dad, with other Grayling boys were sworn in by Mr. T. W. Hanson, Mayor. The whole town was at the Grayling Railroad Depot to see their sons go off to war. Their first stop was at Fort Sheridan, Michigan, for basic training. Boxing was a big sport in the Army and Dad quickly became a local spotlight. He easily became this army company's champion. He was shipped



JAMES T. CUTHBERTSON

to Fort Myers, Virginia, just outside Washington, D. C. He continued to box and came into prominence there as a champion boxer. He was now booked as 'The Michigan Boxer." He was scheduled and fought a 15-round bout

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A-Round Sparring Contest
Will be given in the Opera House, Manton, Monday Night, Feb. 1
between Jim Cuthbertson of Grayling, Middle Weight Champion of Northern M
And Sam Johns of Fife Lake. Catch weig
BOXING MATCH
EIGHT ROUNDS
Clyde Maxson vs. Cuthbertson
At Grayling Opera House on Monday evening, Ja
Boxing Match
Cuthbertson and Thornton
At Opera House, Friday, January 16th
Preliminary to the Match: Dummy Maxson and Brother will Box Four Rounds

with a professional boxer from New York by the name of Pete Sforza. Dad wasn't supposed to have a chance of beating this guy. Dad knocked Pete out in the second round—the Army boys loved it. Dad then had an Army boxing match in Baltimore and continued winning until his Army unit went to Europe."

"Besides a war going on, boxing entertained the troops. His last fight was in Paris, France, against a fighter with a fight name 'Black Jack', not General Pershing. That fight, Dad knocked him out and it appeared the 'sky was the limit." Within months, my father's unit was gassed (mustard) and he was wounded. That meant his professional boxing days were over."

"By 1919 Dad returned to Michigan and found work in Saginaw with the Pere Marquette Railroad. Lumber was no longer king and his job at Grayling no longer existed."

"It was at this place in time that Dad opened a boxing gym in Saginaw. He trained and managed other boxers. Saginaw was a 'hotbed' for boxing and Dad brought the best fighters in the United States to fight in Saginaw. We had more prominent fighters stay overnight in our home than I can remember. I still have the steamer trunk left with my dad by William St. Mary, who was the world champion bag puncher. The Dixie Kid, Tiger Moore, Billy Delany, Rube Fern and Ad Wolgast were 'overnighters.' Even Jack Dempsey visited our home. It was a busy place; God bless our mother for her part in making it home to so many boxers."

"The Great Depression put everything on 'hard times' and finally the boxing gloves were hung up to stay."

"Thanks for considering these true to life events of a 19-year-old kid who got his start at Grayling, Michigan, back in 1913. Fond memories of Grayling!"

Posters of Cuthbertson's fights start back in 1913 with most of them advertising fights in 1914. In that year on Friday, January 2, at the Opera House in Grayling he was up against Casey Brooks. The Avalanche states, "Cuthbertson Wins Boxing Bout from Brooks. In a hot 10 round boxing contest at the opera house, last Friday evening, Jim Cuthberson defeated Casey Brooks, with the points much in his favor. The men entered the ring at 165 and 169 pounds respectively."

"As the contestants entered the ropes Referee George Bellanger introduced them to the audience."

"The first round found the men going easy and feeling each other out. The second round was all Cuthberson's. Brooks connected with a hard blow on Cuthberson's jaw. After this Cuthberson had everything his own way. He easily outclassed his opponent and was never in danger."

"At no time during the fight was there an attempt at a knock-out, as the participants had been warned by President T. W. Hanson that this would not be allowed. Immediately following the mill, Cuthberson was challenged by Thornton, of Sigma, to a ten round contest, and arrangements were made to pull it off at the opera house Friday evening, January 16th."

Following the fight on January 16, this article appeared, "Cuthbertson Out-classes Thornton in Ten Round Contest. It was hard to say whether the Cuthbertson-Thornton match last Friday night at the opera house, or the widely known 'Dummy' Maxson, was the greatest drawing card. At any rate the crowd was greatly pleased with the sport, and went home perfectly satisfied."

"George Belanger acted as referee and at the signal Cuthbertson was across the ring like a flash and hit Thornton on the chin, and throughout the 1st and 2nd round Thornton was hit often, and retaliated with a swinging blow to Cuthbertson's left..."

"In the third round Thornton did his best boxing, landing a number of body blows. Again in the fifth, he did good work."

"The remaining rounds were plainly Cuthbertson's, although he appeared considerably winded. The sixth round started out almost like a slugging match, instead of a scientific boxing bout. In the eighth both men were sparring for an opening and evidently reserving their strength for the final rounds."

"Cuthbertson was going well in final round, Thornton's clinches were the only means of keeping himself away from Cuthbertson's hand glove."

"Thornton put up a good contest, and was cool and nervy throughout. Although a little shorter than his adversary, he is strong and as hard as a pine knot, and if he had a little more skill in boxing, would make a hard man to beat."

"The contest was clean and fair throughout, and the crowd quiet and orderly."

Earl Nelson family opens first service station

Submitted by Mr. Robert Nelson

The story of the Earl Nelson family begins in Langeland, Denmark with the birth of Peter Nelson on Oct. 23, 1858. Growing up in his native land, he met Laurine Larson. They married early in 1876, and had their first son, Hans Robert on March 19, 1877. Hearing of the advantages of the "Great America", in 1879, Peter and family came to this country, locating at Union Grove, Wisconsin.

They resided in Union Grove until 1883, then came to Crawford County, locating on property adjacent to Portage Lake (Lake Margrethe), where he operated a farm near the Danish Landing. On March 4, 1924 he passed away as a result of a heart attack.

Hans R. Nelson attended school in Grayling until he was sixteen, then left for Union Grove, where he had relatives in the creamery business. Hans learned the creamery business and then owned such a business at Grand Rapids, Wisc.. There he met and was united in marriage to Mathilda Helke in December, 1902.

Hans and Mathilda had a son, born Dec. 29, 1903, named Earl Wilhelm Nelson and a daughter, born June 22, 1906, named Grace Lorraine Nelson.

Selling out the business, Hans and family moved to Grayling in 1907 when Earl was a little over three-years old and Grace was ten months old.

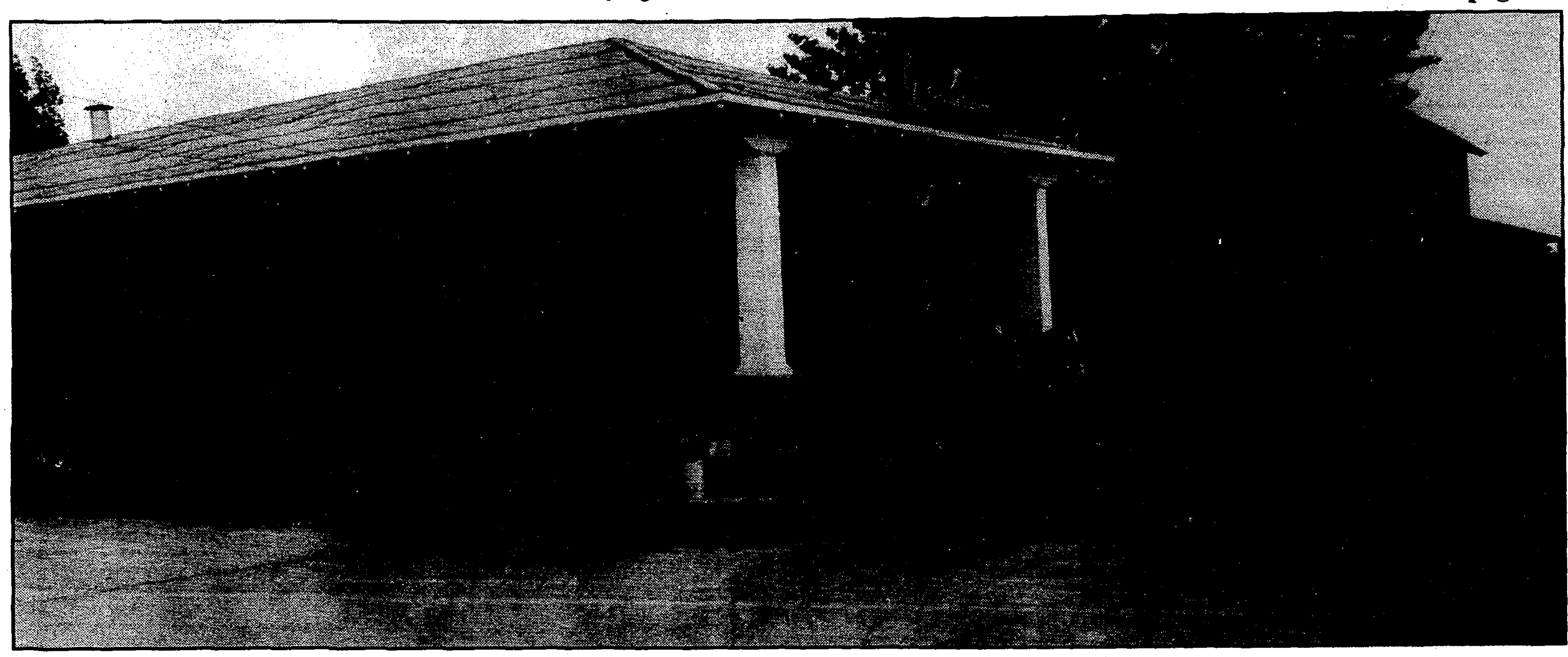
In Grayling he established a creamery on the south side of the AuSable River, approximately where the Carlisle Canoe business is today.

Finding that farming in the Grayling area was not very good and that the automobile was a promising venture, Hans gave up the creamery and established the first gasoline station and vulcanizing shop in Grayling.

Hans built the second service station on the site of the present-day Rite Aid Pharmacy. He later sold that business to Alfred Hanson, who then started a Chevrolet dealership.

In 1925, Hans purchased the old Russell Hotel in Grayling to tear it down and use the lumber to build four cottages and several boats for rental at Lake Margrethe. They were built

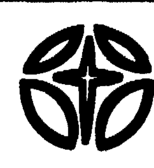
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FIRST MODERN GAS STATION IN GRAYLING—In 1917 Hans R. Nelson built the first modern gas station in Grayling. It was sold to Alfred Hanson in 1923, who enlarged it and had a Chevrolet Agency. It became a furniture store and was torn down and replace by Rite-Aid Pharmacy.



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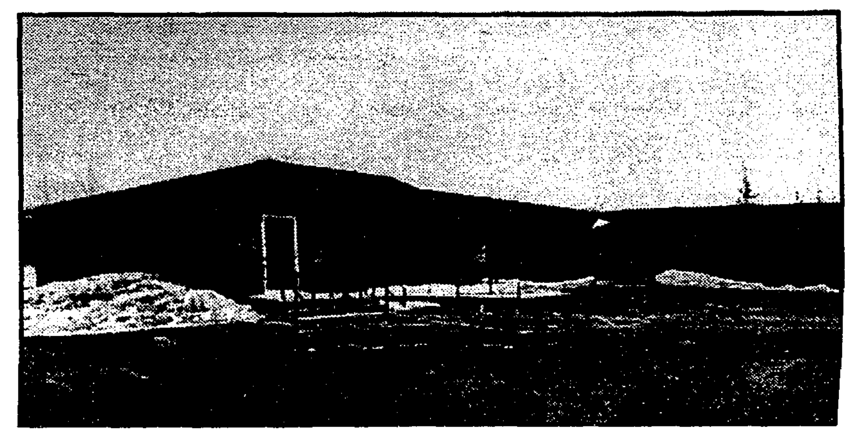


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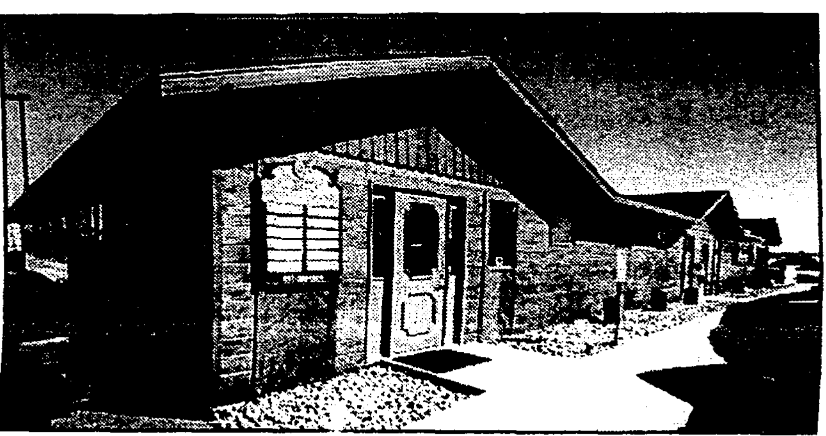
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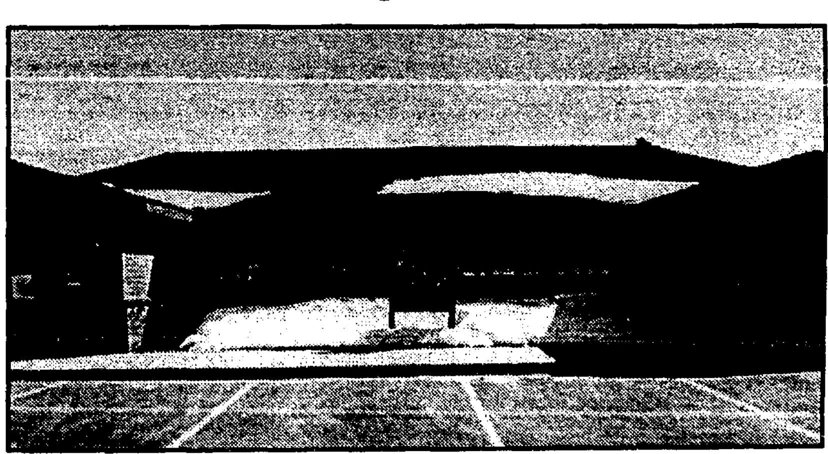
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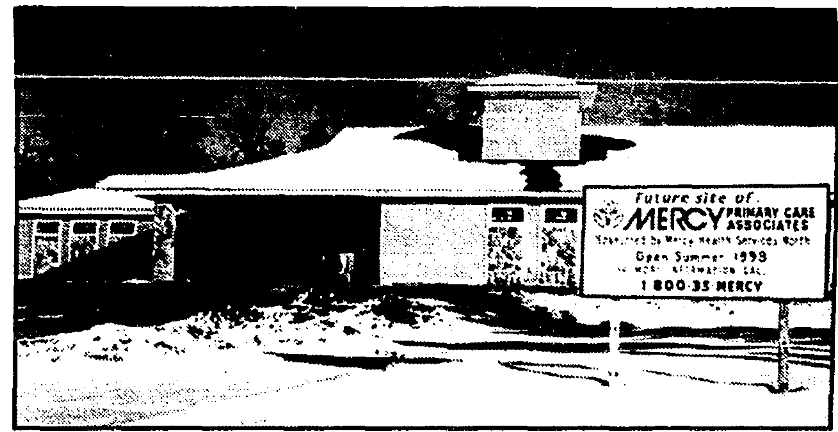
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--Stephanie Riemer-Matzuak
Chief Operating Officer



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next to the area of lake property that Peter Nelson had sold to the Danish Association, who named the area Danish Landing.

Hans died of pneumonia in June, 1929 at the age of 52.

Earl and Grace attended school in Grayling, both graduating from high school. Earl graduated in 1922 and Grace in 1924.

Shortly after graduation, Earl was employed by the Davey Tree Service and, in 1923, travelled to Wausau, Wisc. for work with the company.

There Earl met Anna Alice Deurstein (Alice), and after a few months of courtship, were married on Oct. 31, 1923 in Minneapolis, Minn.

Earl brought his bride back to Grayling where, in partnership with his father, he built and operated "the most modern service station" in northern Michigan. It was located where the BP station is today.

Wishing to expand, he sold that business in 1937. He then built a new service station and grocery store in the northern part of town.

During these years of the Great Depression, times were very difficult financially and, Earl extended so much credit to his neighborhood customers, that he also had to take outside employment with construction companies in order to pay his bills and keep the business afloat.

The business survived and, when he sold the business in 1945, it was a going concern.

He followed this business with yet another service station, located on the property where the Grayling Entertainment Video Store is today. Also, during this time, he became an employee of the DNR, working at the fish hatchery.

After he retired from business in 1948, he modernized the rental cottages his father had built on Lake Margrethe, taking over the business from his mother, Mathilda Nelson.

He also developed the property known as Nelson Acres, adjacent to the Danish Landing Road.

With business still in his blood in the 1950's, Earl went

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AT WORK AT THE FIRST GRAYLING GAS STATION—L to R Archie Cripps and Earl Nelson, circa 1921-22.

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on to build a home and five motel units at the location where Terry's Recreation business now stands.

Early in July, 1965, Earl had a heart attack, after which he retired from the DNR. He built his last house on the lake in Nelson Acres, and for the next 17 years, he and Alice spent their winters in Florida and their summers on the shores of Lake Margrethe.

Earl died of heart failure in August, 1995 at the age of 92. Alice still lives in the house at Lake Margrethe. She will be 94 years old in June.

Earl and Alice had three sons who are all living. The oldest, Robert Earl is retired from 37 years of teaching and 50 years of working at Camp Grayling. Robert and his wife, Victoria, have three daughters, Sally Deborah, and Gayle. They also have a son, William Earl.

Their second son, Richard K., is retired after more that 30 years as an employee of the Michigan Department of Corrections. Richard and his wife, Barbara, have a daughter, Jan, and son, Jon.

The youngest son, Roger C., is retired after 30 years of service in the Michigan Department of Social Services. Roger and his wife, Sharon, have a daughter, Pamela, and two sons, Michael and Paul.

Robert and Richard have residences at Lake Margrethe and Roger lives in Mason, Mich.

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Today's News is Tomorrow's History



NELSON'S SERVICE STATION—In 1923 Hans R. Nelson bought the Russell Hotel, tore it down and with the material built four cottages at Lake Margrethe off Danish Landing Road. Then he built a gas station and tire and car repair service station at the south corner of Business Loop I-75 and Ottawa Street. It was sold in 1930 to Parsons and Lamm. Lamm sold it to Arthur 'Junior' Wakeley who operated it until the mid 1950's. L to R Hans Nelson, Earl Nelson, Grace Andrews, Archie Woskoski, Clyde Peterson and step-brother, Bud (mechanics).

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THE FIRST VULCANIZING SHOP IN GRAYLING—L to R Earl Whipple and Hans R. Nelson working at the first vulcanizing shop in grayling located on the south side on State Street at the lower bridge. It is now a canoe livery.

Grayling - 1897 census

Fay Bovee
Special Writer

Grayling was apparently in the process of becoming a village in 1893 and in order to qualify for village status it seems there had to be an accurate census of the inhabitants of the area which was to be classified as the Village of Grayling. The following list is that census.

This information was found in a book at the Crawford County Courthouse and this writer apologizes for any misspellings. We know that some of them are not correct because we know the family names, but they are copied as accurately as possible from the original handwritten records, some which are almost impossible to read. The misspellings are not typos. The explanation of this record is taken directly from the book.

Following is an accurate census taken of the resident population of the territory proposed to be incorporated as the Village of Grayling.

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Anderson, Andrew (45) Mrs. (40) Marie(6) Hilda(4) Carl(2) Nora(1)

Acker, Harry(64) Mrs.(47) Wm(20) Mabel(16)

Anderson, Gust (27) Mrs. (28)

Albert, Anna (14) Rose(11) Mrs. M.(45)

Alexander, George(52) Mrs. (45) Fred(20)

Anderson, August (40) Mrs.(30) Albert(5)

Alger, Ed (65) Mrs.(60)

Anderson, Hans Mrs. Amos(20)

Amidon Chas(42) Mrs.(45) Ray(15)

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Ayers, Frank (36) Mrs.(34) Ethel(10) Homer(5) Fred(12)

Anderson, Amanda(30)

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Olsen, Agusta(40) Mrs.(33)

Biglon, Ed (25)

Benson, John(35)

Brun, John(28)

Ballard, Edith(27) Mrs. J.(65) James(25) Cora(25)

Baker, Robert (29) Mrs.(25) Metha(3)

Bassett, Robert (22)

Borchers, Peter (32) Mrs.(29) Flora(8) Albert(6)

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Bateson, Alec(34) Mrs.(20) Ida(2)

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Webb, Mrs. L.(32)
Whistrom, R. S.(32)
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Samuel S. Phelps, Jr. being duly sworn deposes and says that the foregoing census was taken by him and that the same is true and accurate to the best of his knowledge and belief and further says nol subscribed and sworn to { before me this 12th day } Samuel S. Phelps, Jr. of October A.D.1893.

James J. Collen Notary Public
My commission expires Jan 9, 1915

The Crawford County Standard Oil Agency was built in 1902. A. Mr. Merrifield was the first agent and, at that time, the only product sold was kerosene. Mr. Merrifield was apprehensive about handling a new product called gasoline so, when it came on the market in 1904, Mr. Hans Holz took over as agent.

When Mr. Holz resigned and moved to Tennessee, due to the poor health of his wife, he asked Mr. Dan Hoesli, then a brakeman on the Manistee and Northeastern Railroad running from Grayling to Manistee, if he would like the job. Hoesli accepted and, in July of 1911, the company hired him as their agent.

When Dan first started, the fuel in the tank cars was pumped by hand to storage tanks on the ground. A piston-type pump was used, which had a forward and backward stick motion. In those days, men worked for a dollar a day. Dan paid $1 a tank. A strong man could empty a tank car in two hours, so it was considered a pretty good job. One pumper, not understanding the mechanics of the piston pump, was afraid to stop pumping to get a drink of water for fear that the fuel would run back into the tank car.

Dan delivered kerosene with horses and wagon to Roscommon, Pere Cheney and Lovells, and shipped by rail into Lewiston. When Dan hauled to Lovells, T. E. Douglas was the dealer, and he took kerosene into the lumber camps with a horse and wagon. He used horses in the winter until about 1925, as the roads were not plowed.

In 1932, Dan's son, Ernest Hoesli, went to work for his father. In 1940, when the senior Mr. Hoesli retired, Ernie took over as agent. Ernie had graduated from Grayling High School and attended Ferris Institute. In 1911, eight to 10 tank cars of fuel each year were consumed. In 1964, when Ernie retired after 32 years with the company, that number had grown to well over 300.

Charles Fick, a native of Swartz Creek, took over operation of the Standard Oil Agency when Ernie retired. Mr. Fick had been with the company for six years by then--two as a driver in Swartz Creek, and the remaining years operating a Standard Oil Agency in Flint.

Charles and his wife, Marilyn, had four children: Steven, Scott, Shelley and Stephanie.

When Charles took over, he had one driver, Jenson Ziebell. The territory consisted of Grayling, Lovells, Maple Forest and Frederic townships. In 1976, the agents became independent jobbers. In 1977, Mr. Fick purchased the former Post Oil Co. and relocated the office and bulk storage to 113 Fig Street. Later, Tufts Gas & Oil bulk storage was purchased and moved to the Fig Street location. By this time, there were seven employees and four home delivery trucks. In 1979, the first transport truck was added. In 1983, the accounts and distribution division of Osceola Oil, West Branch, were acquired, opening up a market area of central and northern Michigan. In 1986, a truck repair garage was added and staffed. A propane division was added in 1989, and an unattended credit card fueling station in 1990.

The propane division has expanded to Northport, Mikado, Oscoda,Beaverton and Houghton Lake.

Four-Mile Development Corp. was formed. The Super 8 Motel was built and opened in June 1993, with 61 units, on the Nelson A. Miles Parkway.

Charlie's Country Corner, a modern travel plaza, opened in June 1995. In the spring of 1996, the corporate offices were moved there, and in the fall of 1996, additional truck parking for 80 trucks was added. A new Arby's opened in December of 1997, and there are now 15 separate divisions within the total company structure.

The Fick & Sons team consists of over 100 people from delivery to direct customer contact, all with the same goal of customer satisfaction.